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PADDED LISTS ARE ELECTION FRAUD?

PADDED UDP ADDRESSES

Is this the Election Fraud Tracy?

109 - 46 West Collet Canal/Conchshell Bay
87 - 4 Yarborough Road/New Site
82 - 56 Regent St(Tracy Registered Here)
37 - 97 Racecourse St
32 - 53 Albert St West
30 - 44 West Collet Canal/ Conchshell Bay
27 - 4 Ebony St
27 - 65 Albert St West
24 - 41 Regent St West
20 - 14 Berkly St
19 - 5 Rectory Lane
15 - 57 Southern Foreshore
12 - 12 Berkley St

Tracy Panton et al convened a wishy-washy press conference at the Biltmore Plaza on Tuesday 29th April 2025, in an attempt to make her position of irrelevance appear relevant. Possibly the consequence of the Leader of the Party, Shyne Barrow's prodding that the "Lady in the Mirror" has not been able to consolidate her leadership within rank-and-file UDPs. This was obvious in a no-show by Hugo Patt, First Deputy and Miguel Guerra, member of Parliament for the UDP. A striking indication that Tracy's

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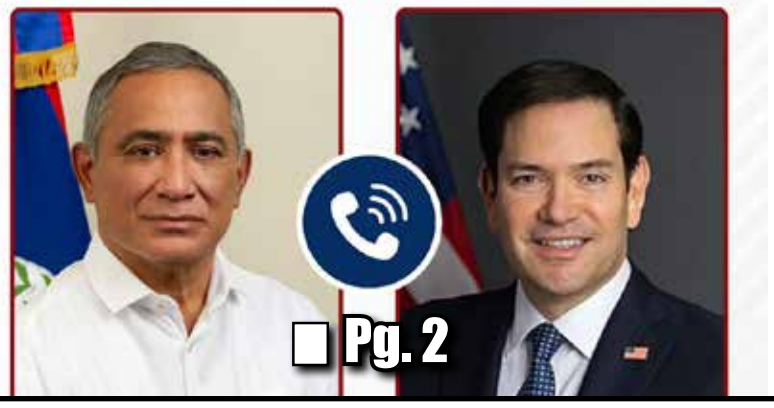

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Happy Labour Day 2025

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beloved party is divided and the concoction or the semblance of a united front is farcical.

In a nimble attempt, the Press Conference was fraught with deceits, misinformation and an outright showing of a political party unfit to lead. Tracy's trumped-up excuse for Hugo Patt's absence was that he was dealing with the "crisis that the sugarcane farmers continue to have on the ground in the north" and Miguel Guerra was experiencing a severe case of the flu epidemic, which is pure hogwash. As 7 News put it, "We will say that we know of no current crisis in the sugar industry, nor do we know of a flu epidemic, and reliable reports tell us that Guerra was seen picking up garbage in Succotz today." Even the king of tranches Big John was nowhere to be seen. The UDP remains in a state of flux and Shyne is the proverbial thorn in Tracy's role as the Leader of the Opposition.

While neophytes, Lee Mark Chang, Area Representative for the Mesop constituency and Godwin Haylock for Queen Square opened the book of lamentation, uttering inexactitudes about what should be done about the tariff war, and offering nonsensical solutions for the economy. And Haylock's take, that posting policemen at the aerodromes is insufficient for security, notwithstanding, GOB is in the process of implementing a slew of security measures, it was Shameless Tracy's talk about the preservation of Belize's democracy and the occurrence of voter fraud in the March 12th elections that was the most disingenuous. The Belizean populace must be reminded why her challenger for the Alberts, Kaya Cattouse, told her that she needed to take a look in the mirror.

In a sordid case of amnesia, the press conference opened the political pandora box revealing that Tracy Taeger-Panton is not only deceitful but she may well be the Queen of voter fraud. The family home at #56 Regent Street has been a haven of voter leeches. The voter list has shown some ninety-odd registered voters living there including herself. Wait, Tracy doesn't live in Caribbean Shores? However, it was also in competing numbers a dilapidated houses everywhere in Alberts that had similar registered occupants voting in the March 12th elections. Tracy, you forgot that you are living in a "glass house".

In waddled steps, Tracy strode from Cayo North to the Albert Division undermining the integrity of the Judicial process and the responsibilities of the Election and Boundaries Department with her despicable rant about voter fraud instead of a mea culpa. Tracy was not only complicit in voter fraud but was "the one with the least amount of shame". Between the family home and the dilapidated houses there are hundreds of reasons why Tracy Taeger-Panton may be the Queen of voter fraud.

Importantly, the will of the people has given the People's United Party (PUP), the John Briceño Government another mandate to lead. It is the will of the people who has decided that the UDP is unfit to lead the country after being shackled by the UDP for 13 years of incompetence, neglect and rampant corruption. With PlanBelize 2.0 as its Northstar, this PUP Government will fulfil the mandates embedded in PlanBelize 2.0 in developing the country and the lives of its citizens. This Government is not about Tracy's delusional "hard times" but about real much better times ahead.

By Hilly Bennett

U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE RUBIO COMMENDS PM BRICEÑO

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U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio:

"We applaud the people of Belize for their unwavering commitment to a democratic electoral process."

April 28 - Although Secretary of State Marco Rubio didn't make it to Belize during his recent visit to the region, he called Prime Minister John Briceño for an important over the phone discussion. Rubio highlighted the importance of the U.S.-Belize partnership and congratulated PM Briceño on his March 12th election victory.

Rubio recognized Belize's significant efforts to counter illegal immigration, support Haitian security efforts, support for Taiwan and combat transnational organized crime. Secretary Rubio and Prime Minister Briceño discussed tariffs and Belizean commitment and engagement with both the ICJ and Guatemala regarding the Sarstoon River.

Secretary Rubio thanked Belize for its efforts as part of the Multinational Security Support (MSS) mission to Haiti. Additionally, Secretary Rubio committed to working with Prime Minister Briceño to strengthen the investment climate for U.S. firms in Belize. The approximate 20-minute conversation included issues like the recently removed Millennium Challenge Corporation funding The call concluded with both leaders expressing their commitment to deepen the strong and cooperative relationship between the United States and Belize.

Barrow or Faber or Panton

Same Ole UDP

Corrupted UDP: A Condensed Timeline

Feb 2008 to 2020 - Ransacking of the Belizean Economy

-Spending over thirteen Billion Dollars with little to nothing to show

-Ballooning even the Principal of their named Super Bond

-Siphoning millions via Infrastructure gimmickry, eg Faber's Rd's 8 million

-Stole 2012 Election & squandered 600 million to buy 2015 Elections

-Barrow agreed that he had incompetence, and corruption within his departments

-Shyne accused of kicking wife on the back; charges withdrawn; UDP thus see Shyne as a protype good candidate

-PM/Minister of Finance Barrow himself was pronounced guilty of spending 1.3 plus 100million oops unconstitutionally.

-Covid exposed a naked UDP clueless on how to run a economy

-In 2020, People tell the UDP U Got to Go...26-5

-November 11 2020 night - Faber prepared post Election message fails to confession UDP corruption.

-Fake news takes over only UDP strategy

- new Faber video exposes violent pattern behavior of then LOO

-Faber kicked out by default Barrow

-Belize experiences a despicable level of falsehood and news manufacturing

-A Disney character now led the UDP astray intent on doctoring content for a documentary

-As LOO Shyne runs a dictatorship, re-registers all UDP, plants systemic anti-women Party, offer no solutions, rewords planBelize and presents as his own.

-Shyne visits the US more than the 31 constituencies.

-Village Councils 2022 - UDP lose all major villages and practically all rural Belize.

-Municipal Elections 2021 and 2024 the UDP won a combined 8 seats out of 134 for the two elections

-UDP breaks into two factions S and T... both undemocratic.

-Each UDP faction takes the other to court

-UDP factions shamelessly present incomplete slates intent on burying their rotting carcasses; The reason for General Elections is country first but not for the UDP which is theirselves first.

-2025 PlanBelize 2.0 beats the factions 26 to 5 once more

-Paddlock sales go up as the Opposition make a mockery of Belize

-Shyne resigns and leaves a non-entity to run his UDP.

-Non-entity shows the spine of a worm and acclaims he is not a leader

-Newsflash: Tracy has no energy to show herself to the 31 constituencies she was ready to claims for.

-Saldivar is again rejected by Belmopan and now by Tracy for Senator

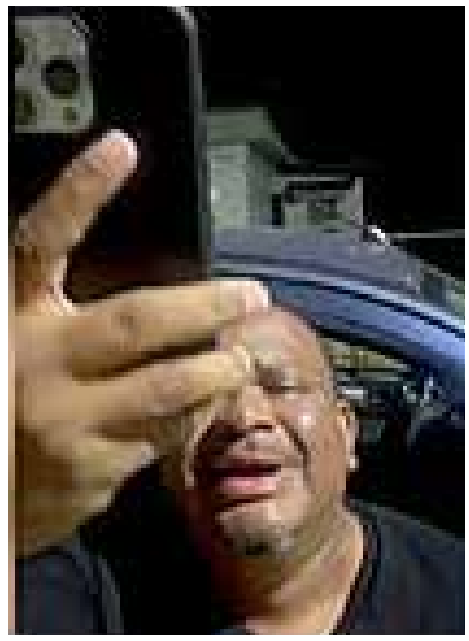
-Faber is again caught on camera being himself using slurred speech and incoherent in a 2am pullover;

-UDP again presented an incomplete slate at a crude fake new-driven press gathering late this April 2025

-Faber Arrested and Arraigned April 29, 2025 - In social media blitz video posts taken by multiple sources, now arraigned Faber, was seen with what can only be described as drunkenness, taking a video himself of him disrespecting police officer who were removing him off the road. Faber did not have his license card with him and expected to be able to furnish this later. His Attorney, accused rapist himself OJ Elrington continued the disrespect as if removing a person that is driving an unlicensed vehicle with a defective light was to be ignored.

-Faber, lost Collet and may lose his Senate Appointment.

The UDP is all about who will stay with the



UDP ashes that might mean some donor money flowing their way. A General Elections just went by and the disrespect of the voters' choice is obvious. In fact, any action against this Government a few months after the General Elections by ANY group is a direct insult to the voters.

Tracy just like Faber is STILL guilty of Barrow era transgressions---there is NO confession of all the ills and corruption at that time. In fact, Tracy recruits these same actors and tries to erase public memory of the "hotbeds of corruption" led by the corrupt ministers themselves.

Shyne on the other had awaits the ruling that might still give the UDP ashes to him. Oh my, the UDP destruction saga is here to stay.

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OUR LABOUR ELIMINATING POVERTY

We are all born and nurtured by the labour of a mother, father, and community. The imperfections and nuances of life give each of us variations in upbringing, making our successes and failures uniquely our own. Flourishing countries, generally, are led by someone with a team that most successfully unites these individuals who create and labour with their skills and talents. In Belize, the People's Committee was formed in January 1950 and began to speak out against devaluation, in particular, and colonialism in general. Members such as George Price and John Smith attended street corner meetings, while Philip Goldson and Leigh Richardson, behind the printing press at the Belize Billboard, sought the support of the Belizean people. Later that same year, on September 29, after many historic achievements, the People's Committee members agreed unanimously to form a political party. The People's United Party was born and supported by many in the labour union. Just after self-government, Premier George Price addressed the then British Honduras, saying, "Universally, all are givers of labour: the owner of capital who puts it to work, the owner of land who puts it to use and the worker who gives his labour to make the land produce, to develop its resources and to provide services necessary to a modern nation."

The United Nations defines labour as the efforts to produce goods and services. These efforts encompass all human endeavours, both physical and mental, undertaken in exchange for an economic reward, with an emphasis on the importance of decent work, which entails fair income, security, and opportunities for personal development and social integration. In November 2020, John Briceño and his team, led by the planBelize North Star, sought to economically revive the nation by appealing to every Belizean's labour and local and foreign investment, with a focus on the Agricultural, Tourism, and now the BPO sectors, whose high productivity would lead to a booming economy. Belize's goods and services are world-renowned; the proof is the record 2024 overnight accommodation numbers and the region's willingness to collaborate with our agricultural sector. The outgoing government had shamelessly borrowed from the economy while corruptly diverting funds from its infrastructure sector into its campaign kitty. The latter will not be forgotten by the electorate who fund Belize with their daily labour in the classrooms, in the fields, in the cubicles, in the offices, on the streets, at our real borders, at sea, on the rivers, at the historical sites, on stage, behind the microphone or musical instrument, in front of an easel, on the highways, in the air, at the pop shops, in the supermarkets, at the stores, in the restaurants, driving the taxis, at the pulpit, and home. When you steal from a nation, you steal from each of the hard-working taxpayers who vote for integrity, hope, and a better life for themselves and their children.

Today, quite likely, the biggest challenge imported onto our shores is not the New World Screwworm that threatens our cattle industry, nor the Plasmodium parasite which causes malaria, nor the not-so-novel coronavirus, nor the measles. The biggest challenge is the high prices of the goods we consume. The economic forces behind inflation in each country are worthy of individual dissertations to support many hypotheses, not to mention opinions. The development of nations necessitates importation, a fact proven over time by Japan, Singapore, and others. A hard-working nation and good leadership working in tandem is the basic formula for a stronger economy. Belize has performed well, as evidenced by its historically low unemployment numbers. Still, our Prime Minister and team seek more and better jobs as graduates continue to embark on their own lives. PM Briceño and team are all for the protection of our natural resources. Yet, they are for the sustainable development of Belize's resources. We are on the right track as day by day, the planBelize administration chips away at the cost of living. The vision is to eliminate poverty in Belize through our labour.

EDITORIAL

en Español

NUESTRO TRABAJO ELIMINARÁ LA POBREZA

Todos nacemos y nos nutrimos del trabajo de una madre, un padre y una comunidad. Las imperfecciones y los matices de la vida nos dan a cada uno variaciones en la crianza, haciendo que nuestros éxitos y fracasos sean exclusivamente nuestros. Los países prósperos, por lo general, están dirigidos por alguien con un equipo que une con mayor éxito a estos individuos que crean y trabajan con sus habilidades y talentos. En Belice, el Comité del Pueblo se formó en enero de 1950 y empezó a manifestarse en contra de la devaluación, en particular, y del colonialismo, en general. Miembros como George Price y John Smith asistían a reuniones en las esquinas, mientras Philip Goldson y Leigh Richardson, detrás de la imprenta del Belize Billboard, buscaban el apoyo del pueblo beliceño. Ese mismo año, el 29 de septiembre, tras muchos logros históricos, los miembros del Comité Popular acordaron por unanimidad formar un partido político. Así nació el People's United Party, apoyado por muchos sindicalistas. Justo después del autogobierno, el primer ministro George Price se dirigió a la entonces Honduras Británica diciendo: "Universalmente, todos son dadores de trabajo: el propietario del capital que lo pone a trabajar, el propietario de la tierra que la pone en uso y el trabajador que da su mano de obra para hacer producir la tierra, desarrollar sus recursos y proporcionar los servicios necesarios a una nación moderna."

Las Naciones Unidas definen el trabajo como los esfuerzos para producir bienes y servicios. Estos esfuerzos abarcan todos los esfuerzos humanos, tanto físicos como mentales, realizados a cambio de una recompensa económica, haciendo hincapié en la importancia del trabajo decente, que implica ingresos justos, seguridad y oportunidades de desarrollo personal e integración social. En noviembre de 2020, John Briceño y su equipo, guiados por el planBelice su estrella polar, trataron de reactivar económicamente la nación apelando a la mano de obra de todos los beliceños y a la inversión local y extranjera, centrándose en los sectores de la agricultura, el turismo y, ahora, la BPO, cuya alta productividad conduciría a una economía en auge. Los bienes y servicios de Belice son mundialmente conocidos; prueba de ello son las cifras récord de pernoctaciones en 2024 y la disposición de la región a colaborar con nuestro sector agrícola. El Gobierno saliente había tomado prestado de forma descarada de la economía mientras desviaba corruptamente fondos de su sector de infraestructuras a su caja de campaña. Este último no lo olvidará el electorado que financia Belice con su trabajo diario en las aulas, en los campos, en los cubículos, en las oficinas, en las calles, en nuestras fronteras reales, en el mar, en los ríos, en los lugares históricos, en el escenario, detrás del micrófono o un instrumento musical, delante de un caballete, en las carreteras, en el aire, en las tiendas de refrescos, en los supermercados, en las tiendas, en los restaurantes, conduciendo los taxis, en el púlpito y en casa. Cuando se roba a una nación, se roba a cada uno de los esforzados contribuyentes que votan por la integridad, la esperanza y una vida mejor para ellos y sus hijos.

Hoy, muy probablemente, el mayor desafío importado a nuestras costas no es el gusano barrenador del ganado del Nuevo Mundo que amenaza nuestra industria ganadera, ni el parásito Plasmodium que causa la malaria, ni el ya no tan novedoso coronavirus, ni el sarampión. Lo son, sin embargo, los elevados precios de los bienes que consumimos. Las fuerzas económicas que están detrás de la inflación en cada país son dignas de disertaciones individuales para sustentar muchas hipótesis, por no hablar de opiniones. El desarrollo de las naciones requiere importaciones, como han demostrado Japón, Singapur y otros países. Una nación trabajadora y un buen liderazgo trabajando en tándem es la fórmula básica para una economía más fuerte. Belice ha obtenido buenos resultados, como demuestran sus cifras de desempleo, históricamente bajas. Aun así, nuestro primer ministro y su equipo buscan más y mejores empleos mientras los graduándose siguen embarcándose en sus propias vidas. El primer ministro Briceño y su equipo están a favor de la protección de nuestros recursos naturales. Sin embargo, están a favor del desarrollo sostenible de los recursos de Belice. Vamos por buen camino, ya que día a día la administración del Plan Belice va reduciendo el coste de la vida. La visión es eliminar la pobreza en Belice a través de nuestro trabajo.

RIVA BATTAM

Erectile Dysfunction

For days, the new and apparently revitalized and re-energized UDP had been promising a big press conference, with all the bells and whistles. With the whole world tired of the Shyne saga, the nation waited with bated breath to feel the power and vibrancy of the red. Maybe we wanted it too much. Maybe we got too excited. But there was nothing, not even a little tingle. The truth is, with all respect, Tracy is the farthest thing from an energetic firebrand, and that's all we're going to say about that. The bottom line is, the UDP still has nothing to offer. God rest the politically dead, but at least Cousin Jamal had some energy about him.

Syphilis

Not speaking from experience, of course, but Cousin Jamal has got to be the closest thing to a case of nasty syphilis walking – you know that rash you are not ever going to be rid of for the rest of your life? Sometimes it goes away, and you think you're okay, and then BAM, it's back. But enough of that STD talk. Brother Shyne is never going to let go of the UDP, and that's a fact. Another thing – he comes across as missing more than a few screws, but he is determined AND he has Daddy Dean giving him legal advice on the side. Tracy et al can say what they want, but if the Court says the October 20th UDP convention was illegal, that dolly house is going to turn upside down in a hurry. Wait for it.

My Lerd

So many emotions are flashing through my head as I watch the video of a drunken Patrick Faber stopped by Police and acting the fool. I feel sorry for him. The man can't handle his liquor and should go to AA or get help. That early morning debacle could have ended a whole lot differently for this stupid fellow who has always been his own worst enemy. Instead of speaking out against the Police, he should be sending flowers and chocolates to the officers who restrained themselves admirably when faced with not only a man under the influence, but an arrogant, belligerent idiot under the influence. You done know that if it was a woman police officer Patrick would have tackled them. Then again, I know quite a few woman police officers who would have loved the opportunity to beat him down.

Birds of a feather

Watching the alleged rapist and renowned nasty-man OJ defending the serial woman beater was priceless, but not surprising. OJ is Belize's notorious pervert, flashing his allegedly diseased gonads at every turn, and his law office desk has seen more action than the local Chinese motel. Patrick is no better. When he was Minister of Education, there were many reports that financial assistance was given on the condition of sexual favours returned. So Patrick and OJ together is no biggie. But to see Tracy defend Patrick is a little more surprising. This is the woman who says she speaks for women everywhere, but she is quite comfortable with a known woman beater and an alleged rapist in her corner. Keep an eye on Saint Tracy. All is not what meets the eye.

F*#k the Police

As poets and romantics often say, love can make you blind. I guess it can also give you amnesia. Patrick Faber's woman wrote a post saying F#*K THE POLICE for the treatment of her man. Perhaps she forgot that it was the same Police that rushed to her aid when her baby-daddy allegedly beat her with a hammer. We believe in love and all that, so here's hoping that the next time Patrick takes her for a punching bag, she won't be calling on the Police for help.

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Belize's 2024 REAL GDP Growth of 8% Leads Western Hemisphere

Oil exporter Guyana is at 43.6 percent after their historic oil finds but without that they would be trailing Belize as well. Guyana presently is under curfew due to rioting protesting an 11-year old's death. Calm is setting in.

Economically, Belize's planBelize is best practise par excellence. Belize went through rigorous debt reduction due to skilful negotiation with Superbond bond holders and The Nature Conservancy in the middle of the first term of office of the PUP. Additionally, a new deal was agreed to with President Maduro for a huge discount on the Petro Caribe loan. The Blue Bond and the PetroCaribe re-negotiations moves Belize Debt-to-GDP from 130 per cent to 63 per cent. Like Belize's 2 per cent unemployment rate, that drop in Debt to GDP ratio is unheard of in global finances.

The IMF projections have ALWAYS been wrong for Belize as their projections have always been over ridden. PlanBelize 2.0 and the Belizean people are definitely poised to over achieve in 2025 and 2026 and beyond.

International Monetary Fund's Introduction for Context: Growth for most countries in the Latin America and the Caribbean continues to converge to its potential from different cyclical positions. Economic activity has been largely driven by consumption while investment remains sluggish. Growth is expected to moderate from 2.4% in 2024 to 2.0% in 2025, and medium-term growth remains subdued reflecting long-standing challenges. The disinflation process has slowed down significantly, as the decline in core goods and core services inflation came to a halt in the second half of 2024 amid rising import prices and currency depreciations. Against this backdrop, monetary policy decisions are becoming more heterogenous—some central banks are pivoting toward tightening or staying on hold. A timely fiscal consolidation to rebuild buffers remains crucial as the scope for monetary easing becomes more limited and the shifting global environment creates new challenges.

Western Hemisphere: Real GDP growth

(year-over-year percent change)

	2023	2024	PROJECTIONS 2025	2026
North America	**2.8**	**2.6**	**1.6**	**1.7**
Canada	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.6
Mexico	3.3	1.5	-0.3	1.4
United States	2.9	2.8	1.8	1.7
Puerto Rico	0.6	1.0	-0.8	-0.1
South America	**1.7**	**2.2**	**2.5**	**2.4**
Argentina	-1.6	-1.7	5.5	4.5
Bolivia	3.1	1.3	1.1	0.9
Brazil	3.2	3.4	2.0	2.0
Chile	0.5	2.6	2.0	2.2
Colombia	0.7	1.7	2.4	2.6
Ecuador	2.0	-2.0	1.7	2.1
Paraguay	5.0	4.0	3.8	3.5
Peru	-0.4	3.3	2.8	2.6
Uruguay	0.7	3.1	2.8	2.6
Venezuela	4.0	5.3	-4.0	-5.5
CAPDR	**4.1**	**3.9**	**3.8**	**3.9**
Costa Rica	5.1	4.3	3.4	3.4
Dominican Republic	2.2	5.0	4.0	4.8
El Salvador	3.5	2.6	2.5	2.5
Guatemala	3.5	3.7	4.1	3.8
Honduras	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.4
Nicaragua	4.4	3.6	3.2	3.1
Panama	7.6	2.9	4.0	4.0
Caribbean	**8.0**	**12.1**	**4.2**	**8.6**
Caribbean: Tourism dependent	**2.9**	**2.1**	**2.5**	**2.0**
Antigua and Barbuda	2.4	4.3	3.0	2.5
Aruba	4.3	6.5	2.2	2.6
The Bahamas	2.6	2.0	1.8	1.7
Barbados	4.1	4.0	3.0	2.3
Belize	1.1	8.2	3.2	2.5
Dominica	4.7	4.6	4.2	3.3
Grenada	4.7	3.6	3.9	3.3
Jamaica	2.6	-0.8	2.1	1.6
St. Kitts and Nevis	4.3	1.5	2.0	2.2
St. Lucia	2.2	3.8	3.0	2.4
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	5.8	4.8	4.7	2.9
Caribbean: Non-tourism dependent	**10.8**	**17.1**	**5.0**	**11.5**
Haiti	-1.9	-4.2	-1.0	1.0
Commodity exporters	15.4	23.2	6.7	14.0
Guyana	33.8	43.6	10.3	23.0
Suriname	2.5	3.0	3.2	3.7
Trinidad and Tobago	1.4	1.4	2.4	1.1
Latin America and the Caribbean	**2.4**	**2.4**	**2.0**	**2.4**
LAC (simple average)	*3.8*	*4.1*	*2.8*	*3.0*
LAC excluding Argentina and Venezuela	2.8	2.8	1.7	2.3
LA7	2.6	2.6	1.4	1.9
Eastern Caribbean Currency Union	3.7	3.9	3.5	2.7

Sources: IMF, World Economic Outlook database; and IMF staff calculations and projections.
Note: Regional aggregates are purchasing power parity GDP weighted averages unless indicated otherwise. CAPDR = Central America, Panama, and the Dominican Republic; Eastern Caribbean Currency Union = Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, as well as Anguilla and Montserrat (which are not IMF members). LAC = Latin America and the Caribbean; LA7 = Latin America 7 (Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay).

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GUEST EDITORIAL

It's Called Good Governance

Recently, for the first time in Belize's decades long history of domestic air travel, there was a violent incident which resulted in injuries to three persons on a Tropic Air flight, and the death of an American national. The incident could not have been foretold. After all, both domestic airlines had operated safely for decades without incident.

By its nature, the matter involved the participation of many agencies, and a comprehensive and thorough investigation. Add in the fact that the deceased 'hijacker' was an American national, and that necessitated the involvement of the US Embassy, and even the US State Department.

With all eyes on Belize, ten different stories of the one incident circulated on the first day, with input from hundreds of Facebook experts in every related sector. And because today's media thrive on sensationalism and hysteria, and daily seem to be less governed by ethics, reason or responsibility, the Government of Belize came under attack, not for the first time. By the day after the incident, Channel 7's Jules Vasquez was demanding a full briefing by the Prime Minister, claiming that the PM owed no less to the nation. Hysteria breeds hysteria, and other media houses jumped on the bandwagon, demanding a full accounting of the incident, seemingly uncaring of the fact that a full and accurate accounting could be given only after a comprehensive investigation.

It is not the first time this has happened. The media in Belize feel a sense of tremendous entitlement. Led by Jules Vasquez, a yellow journalist of the highest order, the media has pushed the propaganda that the Government of Belize is operating in an arena of secrecy, and as a matter of protocol withholds information from the media, and thus the public. Nothing could be further from the truth.

This administration, since assuming office in 2020, has orchestrated a historic rebound of the nation's economy, delivering on every tenet of its Plan Belize manifesto – housing, land, jobs, infrastructure, rural development, cultural upliftment, education reform, health. The unemployment rate is the lowest it has ever been. The poverty level is the lowest it has ever been, Foreign Direct Investment is the highest it has ever been. Tourism figures continue to break records. National Health Insurance will be countrywide this year. More high schools will enjoy totally free education this year. Tens of thousands of students at every level will be able to enjoy a healthy meal at their schools countrywide.

The Government's engagement with the Unions is the most successful it has ever been. The past UDP administration made its disdain and disregard for our unions abundantly clear. This PUP administration has sat and continues to sit at the same table as the unions to find solutions to challenges. Whenever there are issues, and there will always be issues, they are approached respectfully and inclusively, and there is always progress. That is the truth.

The successes of this administration are not those of a government operating in secrecy or withholding information from the public. They are the successes of a responsible government that understands the importance of moving carefully but steadily forward in the work of the people. This is not a Facebook government, and it is not a government that works at the whim of Mr. Vasquez, or to feed his sensationalist agenda. This government does not sit in Cabinet discussing how it can increase the likes and follows of the media. There is, of course, respect for the role of the responsible media, and that will never change.

The government has a responsibility to the people and country of Belize. It is a responsibility that is taken very seriously. We call it good governance, and that too, will never change.

Belize Tax Service (BTS)
Ministry of Finance
Government of Belize

Request for Proposal for Consultancy Services to Design and Execute a Change Management and Communication Strategy and Action Plan
(Firm Selection)

Purpose

The purpose of this consultancy is to develop and execute a results driven Change Management and Communication Strategy to support the seamless transition to a Semi-Autonomous Revenue Authority (SARA).

Specific Objectives of this Consultancy

I. Strategy Development and Execution: design and implement a phased change management and communication strategy with measurable milestones.

II. Stakeholder Engagement: Identify, engage, and maintain relationships with internal and external stakeholders

III. Workshops and Training: Conduct sector-specific workshops and educational campaigns to ensure buy-in and understanding

IV. Evaluation and Reporting: Monitor the progress and impact of initiatives, providing regular feedback and updates.

The detailed Terms of Reference for the consultancy can be requested from eddie.herrera@bts.gov.bz. Proposals must be submitted to the Director General of the Belize Tax Service by May 9, 2025 by 10:00 am at Michelle.Longsworth@bts.gov.bz.

NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TREASURY BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER 7/2025

Tenders are invited for an issue of Government of Belize Treasury Bills. The amount of the issue will be $67,408,200.00.

The Bills will be issued in electronic form only evidenced by an electronic book entry in the Central Securities Depository (CSD) of the Central Bank of Belize in multiples of $200 and will be repayable at par 91 days after issue. They will be issued on Wednesday, 14 May 2025 and will be redeemed on Wednesday, 13 August 2025.

Each tender must be for $200 or a multiple of $200 and must specify to five decimal places the amount, which is offered for each one hundred dollars face value of the Bills sought.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the auction must submit their bid to the Central Bank of Belize electronically to bids@centralbank.org.bz or at the designated drop off box no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, 9 May 2025.

The Auction in the Central Securities Depository System (CSD) will be opened from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Wednesday, 14 May 2025.

Successful bidders should arrange to settle via the Automated Payment & Securities Settlement System of Belize (APSSS).

Bank: Central Bank of Belize
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The Government of Belize reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all tenders in whole or in part.

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Notices are placed on Central Bank of Belize Website (www.centralbank.org.bz)

NEW AVIATION SAFETY MEASURES

Screening, surveillance, security protocols & more

April 30 2025 - In the wake of the Holy Thursday hijacking aboard a domestic Tropic Air flight, the Government of Belize, along with Belize's security and aviation sectors, held a press conference on Wednesday to share details of the coordinated response and announce urgent new security measures to safeguard the country's aviation sector.

Mrs. Narda Garcia, CEO in the Office of the Prime Minister, commended the heroic actions of the pilot, stating, "Thanks to the extraordinary courage, wit, and composure of the pilot who managed to safely land the aircraft despite sustaining injuries, further tragedy was averted."

She added that the incident exposed vulnerabilities that demand immediate action. Among the measures being implemented are enhanced passenger and baggage screening, stricter onboard security protocols, improved aerodrome surveillance, collaboration with regional partners, and public awareness campaigns. "These measures are not temporary; they are the foundation of a renewed commitment to aviation safety," Mrs. Garcia emphasized. She also urged the public and media to remain calm but vigilant. "Belize aerodromes remain open, and travelers are advised to arrive earlier to accommodate enhanced procedures."

Major Ruben Cowo, Director of the Joint Intelligence and Operations Center (JIOC), recounted how he issued the first alert shortly after 8:30 a.m. on Holy Thursday. This enabled rapid deployment of special operations units from the Belize Defence Force (BDF) and Coast Guard to multiple potential landing sites—from the Philip Goldson International Airport to San Pedro. Authorities were also preparing for the possibility of a crash landing at sea. JIOC also coordinated with Mexican and U.S. counterparts after learning that the hijacker was an American national demanding to be flown to the U.S.

Major Francis Usher, CEO in the Ministry of National Defence and Border Security, confirmed, "Belize was prepared for all outcomes, and we are grateful that the best possible outcome resulted."

Also present at the head table were Mr. Nigel Carter, Director of Civil Aviation, and Mr. Ellis Gideon, Deputy Director of Civil Aviation, signaling a united front in bolstering Belize's aviation security framewok.

LETTER TO THE Editor

Seven Weeks Later, the UDP Remains in Disarray

Dear Editor,

It has been seven weeks since the United Democratic Party (UDP) suffered a humiliating defeat at the polls, yet the party still appears divided. Rather than using this time to regroup and reflect, the UDP has remained tangled in infighting, personal ambitions, and public spats.

The absence of a clear strategy moving forward only deepens the perception that the party has no real vision or unity. Instead of rebuilding trust with the Belizean people, the UDP continues to operate in chaos, making it difficult to take their criticisms seriously.

The Belizean electorate sent a clear message—accountability and renewal are non-negotiable. But the UDP seems unwilling or unable to heed that call. While the government focuses on growth and recovery, the opposition drowns in disorganization.

For a democracy to thrive, we need a credible opposition. Seven weeks is more than enough time to begin a path forward. If the UDP cannot rise from the ashes with purpose and reform, perhaps new leadership and voices must emerge.

Sincerely,

Tj Miles

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Belize receives Prestigious Innovation (Commendation) Award for its Secured Transaction and Collateral Registry

April 29, 2025 —The Financial Services Commission of Belize (FSC) and the Belize Companies and Corporate Affairs Registry (BCCAR) proudly announces that Belize has been awarded the prestigious 2025 Innovation (Commendation) Award for its Secured Transaction and Collateral Registry (STCR) from the Corporate Registers Forum (CRF). Belize joins Singapore and the Philippines in this recognition for successfully implementing innovative initiatives with significant stakeholder impact, fostering advancements in regulatory efficiency and stakeholder engagement.

Belize earned this esteemed award in recognition of its groundbreaking STCR initiative, marking a transformative achievement in the country's drive toward sustainable economic development and accessing finance modernization. STCR has substantially improved financial inclusion by providing clearer, more secure avenues for accessing credit, particularly benefiting micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs). Additionally, it has strengthened Belize's overall financial infrastructure by enhancing transparency and operational efficiency, thereby fast tracking access to finance.

This transformative project was spearheaded by the BCCAR under the FSC. BCCAR played a crucial role in developing, implementing, and now managing the STCR to ensure its sustainability and effectiveness. From its conceptualization to execution, this initiative reflects Belize's commitment to modernizing its financial and business ecosystem, aligning with international best practices, and fostering a more resilient and accessible credit market. To learn more about the Secured Transactions and Collateral Registry, visit www.bccar.bz (release)

Press Release

National Agriculture and Trade Show 2025

Belmopan City, April 30, 2025:

The National Agriculture and Trade Show (NATS) Committee, under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise, hereby reminds the general public that the National Agriculture and Trade Show 2025 will be held on May 30-31, and June 1, 2025, under the theme, "Integrating Sustainable Food Systems: Mitigating Climate Change, Strengthening Agricultural Resilience."

The NATS Committee also takes this opportunity to point out to the public that the Crooked Tree Cashew Fest and Agriculture Show will be held on May 10-11, while the Chocolate Festival will be held in Toledo on May 16-18.

These are not connected with and should not be confused with the National Agriculture and Trade Show.

For more information, please contact:

National Agriculture and Trade Show (NATS) Headquarters NATS Grounds
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LETTER TO THE Editor

NATS 2025—A Celebration of Belizean Sustainability

Dear Editor,

The announcement of the 2025 National Agriculture and Trade Show (NATS), scheduled for May 30 to June 1, is a welcomed and timely reminder that Belize is firmly on the path to self-sustainability. Though postponed due to the March elections, it comes back with a bang under the theme "Integrating Sustainable Food Systems: Mitigating Climate Change, Strengthening Agricultural Resilience," which is not just symbolic—it is strategic.

Our farmers, producers, and entrepreneurs have long been the backbone of our economy. NATS 2025 will showcase its contributions and reinforce the importance of supporting local industries. The inclusion of the "Buy Belizean Loyalty Program" adds another innovative layer, encouraging consumers to invest in homegrown products and strengthen our internal economy.

As Belize faces global challenges—from climate change to international market fluctuations—our resilience lies in self-reliance. NATS 2025 is more than an event; it is a celebration of who we are and who we are becoming: a nation capable of feeding and sustaining itself with pride.

Let us all support this vital national initiative and keep moving forward—together, sustainably, and proudly Belizean.

Sincerely,
Jim B

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES:

Notice is hereby given that **Robert T. Beaino** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Chef Roger/ Catering"** located at # 1637 Spain Avenue, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Mohammad Monfor Ali** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"M Ali Store"** located at # 19 Orange Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Raymond A. Williams** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Skin's Snack Shop"** located at # 50 Partridge Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Wallace K. Usher/Indira A. Padron** are applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Mahogany St. Supermarket"** located at # 2565 Partridge Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Charles J. Requena/Albert H. Requena** are applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Chilly's ChillSpot"** located at # 17 Farmers Market, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Tracy Zhu/ Peiyu Chen** are applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Fit Fit Shop"** located at # 31 King Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Farmer of the Year Ms. Noemi Requena, Verified

Minister Commends Channel Five

"As a politician, I am at times criticized by political opponents and those with their own agenda and I have deliberately opted not to respond or engage in any back and forth because I believe in remaining focused and steadfast in my work for my country, constituency and people.

I come from a family that taught us (12 children) to appreciate the value of hard and that you cannot earn anything without hard work.

That is why, I have been an educator, a politician and above all a farmer. I love farming and I practice sustainable farming techniques and proudly teach my children to learn these practices and especially to care for mother earth that feeds us.

This year, the Ministry of Agriculture selected my sister, Ms Noemi Requena as the woman farmer of the year. I congratulate her on her hard work, dedication and commitment to practicing her skills she learnt at home and through her training. I also congratulate the two male farmers.

I had no idea of her achievement until I saw it on social media.

While many congratulated her for achievement, the political wannabes, lackeys and the so called "media house", Hot off the Press were quick to call for an investigation if indeed Ms Requena was a farmer and even had a farm. Their desperate call and innuendos was based on the fact that she is my sister and I must have had a hand in her selection. How down right petty, ignorant and political salivating of them to say the least.

I congratulate News 5, for its independent verification of her selection and in this way set the record straight. (https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1BrqXECEJL/)

In an era, where women play an important role in nation building, let us embrace our women, encourage and support them in whatever manner they seek to contribute to nation building." – Hon. Oscar Requena

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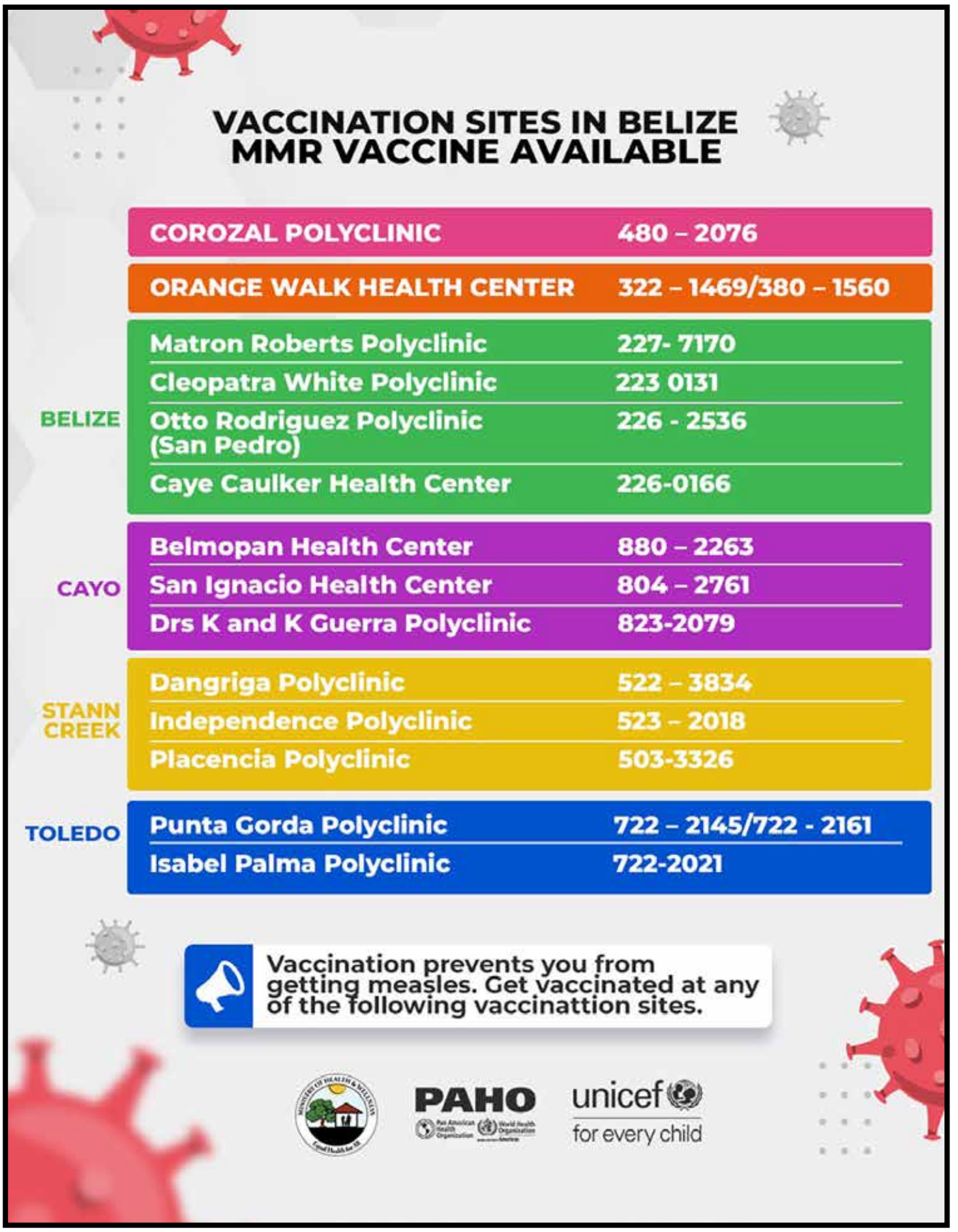
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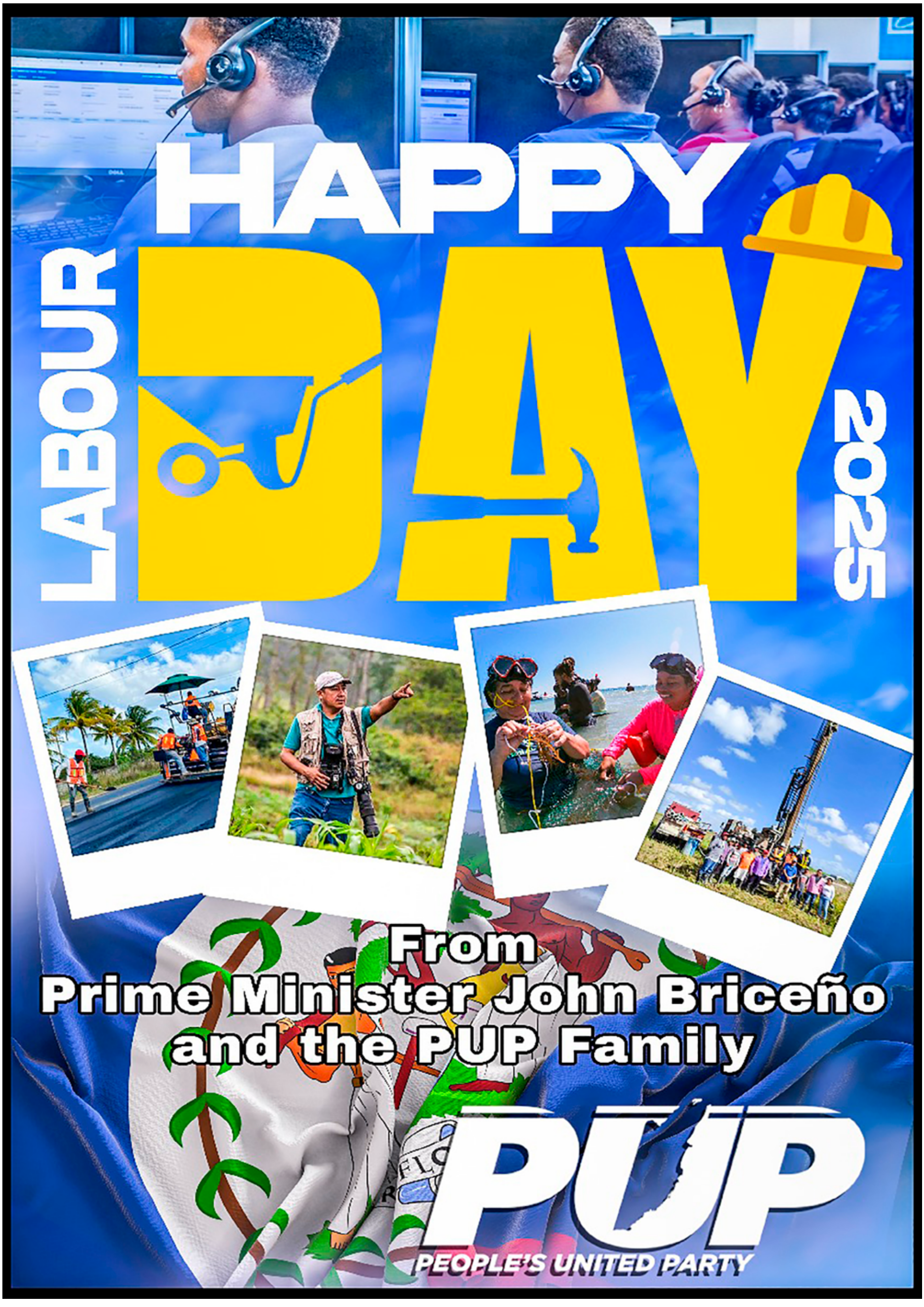
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YOUR EFFORTS MOVE BELIZE FORWARD.

VOICE OF THE COMMON MAN
MAY DAY

By Hilly Bennett

Today, Thursday, May 1, 2025, marks another celebration, honouring and recognising the indispensable contributions of the working class in Belize. It is a day set aside by the Government of Belize through the Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government and Minister Florencio Marin and is a holiday most widely observed worldwide. Traditionally, for Belizeans especially in rural parts of the country, the day would be celebrated with the crowning of a May Queen and the village ladies would dance around the Maypole, and is considered a popular celebration mimicking the medieval times in England. Coincidentally, it is commonly associated, globally, with the genesis of the labour movement. For the Haven of Democracy, is inextricably intertwined with the origins of politics in Belize and the birth of the Peaceful, Constructive Belizean Revolution and The Peoples United Party (PUP). Also, it is associated with the inception of unionism and the rights of workers in Belize.

Historical records have shown that there were junctures in Belize's history that were rift with agitation, demonstrations, and strikes which emanated from the injustices regarding worker rights and fair wages. In a country studies article, it proffered that as early as 1894 the mahogany workers rioted against a cut in their real wages caused by devaluation. On December 11, 1894 200-600 rioters went on a rampage looting stores in Belize Town, the hub of commerce, after their petition for improved working conditions was rejected by Sir Cornelius Alfred Moloney. On July 22, 1919 service-men returning to Belize after serving in World War II rioted in the Belize Town and protested racial discrimination and rising prices in the colony. The turn of events with the Great Depression compounded by the 1931 hurricane, devastated the colony of British Honduras and the economy and created conditions that were aggravated by rising unemployment and neglect by the colonial authorities. The poor continued to experience severe hardships leading to a slew of events that gave rise to unionism, the beginning of modern politics in Belize and the move towards the independence of the nation.

The birth of the peaceful constructive revolution and the making of the People's United Party (PUP) is synonymous with the labour movement and unionism. The General Workers' Union (GWU) provided crucial support for the nationalist movement which resulted in the formation of the PUP in 1950. George Cadle Price was instrumental in guiding the country to independence and was considered an eclectic and pragmatic politician who championed the cause of the work in class. Price stirred "employers into paying a minimum wage, that is a living wage." Today as the workers are being recognized for their immense contributions to the Government of Belize, the John Briceño administration remains steadfast in improving the lives of the working men and women. In 2020, after taking office during the grips of the COVID-19 pandemic, Prime Minister, John Briceño made the bold decision to increase the minimum wage to $5. Over 40,000 workers experienced a wage boost notwithstanding the objection by organizations such as the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) serving the capitalist interest. Interestingly, another increase to the minimum wage to $6 is projected in PlanBelize 2.0 and a mandated promise to create thousands of jobs and improve worker income and productivity. Incidentally, unemployment was reduced to 2% during the PUP's first term in office.

Undoubtedly, there remain some looming concerns in the working world with teachers, nurses and public officers, which the opposition is attempting to leverage as a political lifeline. However, GOB continues to respect the democratic rights of the unions, engaging in non-confrontational dialogue to obtain an amicable solution. We salute the workers on their special day, saying to them, "Happy Labour Day 2025". Aluta continua!

Belize National Prayer

Almighty and Eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed Your Glory to all nations, please protect and preserve Belize, our beloved country.

God of might, wisdom and justice, please assist our Belizean government and people with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude.

Let Your light of Your divine wisdom direct their plans and endeavours so that with Your help we may attain our just objectives.

With Your guidance, may all our endeavours tend to peace, social justice, liberty, national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge.

We pray, O God of Mercy, for all of us that we may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the

observance of Your most holy law, that we may be preserved in union and, in that peace which the world itself cannot give.

And, after enjoying the blessings of this life, please admit us, dear Lord, to that eternal reward that You have prepared for those who love You.

Amen.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST (2 POSITIONS)
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PROJECT MANAGER (1 POSITION)

Institution:	Ministry of Finance
Country:	Belize
Project:	Belize Reliant and Resilient Energy System Project (BRRES) **AND** Belize Blue Cities and Beyond (BBCB)
Duration:	Two (2) years
Duty Station:	Ministry of Finance, Belmopan (In Office)
Deadline:	**May 16, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the World Bank for the implementation of the projects- Belize Reliant and Resilient Energy System and Belize Blue Cities and Beyond.

The general objectives of the positions are to conduct all activities related to project management and environmental and social sustainability in accordance with the World Bank's funding guidelines, Environmental and Social Framework and GOB standard public rules and regulations.

The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible individuals to apply for the positions of:

- Environmental Specialist (2 positions)
- Social Specialist (1 position)
- Project Manager (1 position)

Further details, including the required application template and full terms of reference, can be obtained online at https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/ or by scanning the QR code below.

The selection for these contractual positions will be in accordance with the Individual Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing Borrowers July 2016, revised date: February 2025 and as well as the Government of Belize procurement policies and best practices and is open to all eligible candidates as defined in the policies. The Consultants will be selected based on qualifications including a positive professional reference check.

Qualified Individuals should submit one (1) pdf file in English via e-mail to tjohnston@ceu.mof.gov.bz or three (3) hardcopies of their application to the address below clearly indicating the position being applied for "**Environmental Specialist, Social Specialist or Project Manager"**- name of individual.

The Deadline for submission is no later than May 16, 2025, by 10:00 a.m. Local Belize Time. No late submissions will be accepted.

Therese Johnston
Procurement Specialist Assistant
Central Executing Unit
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B: ORANGE WALK DISTRICT:
2. Parcel No.1639 Trail Farm Village, Orange Walk District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ann Gabourel	4	1639
The freehold property of Ms. Dayana de Paz Mr. Luisito Cunil.		

C: BELIZE DISTRICT:
3. Parcel No. 5448 San Pedro Town, Ambergris Caye Belize District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Pedro	7	5448
The freehold property of Ms. Helen Maritza Melendez and Elvis Presley Lambey		

D:CAYO DISTRICT
4. Parcel No. 51 Cristo Rey Village, Cayo District:

All that lot piece or parcel of land being Block No. 51, situate near Cristo Rey Village Area, Cayo District, containing 30.00 acres of land freehold property of Mr. Jaime Noel Marin and Mr. Nefretery Nancy Marin.

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NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 7(1) OF THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REGULATIONS CHAPTER 54 OF THE LAWS OF BELIZE, Edition 2023

It is hereby notified for general information that the principals of Natural Elements Limited (hereinafter called 'the Company') submitted a new application for an Approved Enterprise Order under the Fiscal Incentives Act, Chapter 54 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2023.

Any person who objects to the making of an Order is hereby invited to,
a. submit notice in writing of his/her objections
b. state the grounds on which he/she relies in support thereof,

to the Executive Director, Belize Trade and Investment Development Service, on or before May 15th, 2025, to executive.director@beltraide.bz or call at 880-3737.

1. The Company is located at Mile 17.5 Placencia Road, Maya Beach, Stann Creek District that is constructing twenty-four (24) condo-hotel units. If the application is approved the company shall be an enterprise under the Fiscal Incentives Act.

2. The application is in relation to:
   - Building Materials & Supplies
   - Fixtures & Fittings
   - Plant, Machinery & Equipment
   - Office Equipment & Appliances
   - Marine Craft
   - Utility and Transport Vehicles
   - exemption from duties.

APPROVAL BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

DATE: April 25, 2025

COMMENTS: Approved

BY ORDER OF CHARGEE
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL

HOLY REDEEMER CREDIT UNION LIMITED a statutory body formed and registered under the Credit Union Act, Chapter 314 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, and whose registered office is situated at No. 1 Hyde's Lane, Belize City, Belize District hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its power of sale as Chargee under and by virtue of a Charge registered at the Land Registry between **CARLOS YSAGUIRRE** of the one part and HRCU of the other part.

HRCU will at the expiration of three months from the date of the first publication of this notice sell the property described in the Schedule below.

ALL offers to purchase the said property must be made in writing to Holy Redeemer Credit Union Limited from whom full particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land comprising 639.75 S.Y. being Parcel 1548, Block 16 in the Caribbean Shores/Belize Registration Section located at No. 1548 Grace Avenue, Coral Grove, Belize City, Belize District TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, the freehold property of **CARLOS YSAGUIRRE**

DATED this 23rd April 2025

HOLY REDEEMER CREDIT UNION LIMITED
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Night Club Tragedy in the Dominican Republic

Consul Signing Condolence Book

With heartfelt condolences to the government and people of the Dominican Republic in the wake of the heartrending tragedy that occurred in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic on April 8, 2025, H.E. Gale Miller Garnett, High Commissioner of Belize to the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, signed the Condolence Book at the Embassy of the Dominican Republic in Guyana on behalf of Belize

Our thoughts are with those affected and we stand in solidarity during this difficult time.

For Context: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic CNN — At 12:45 on April 9, 2025, 231 fatalities and over 225 injuries in the Dominican Republic after the roof of an iconic nightclub collapsed in what has become one of the country's deadliest tragedies in decades.

At least 300 people were inside Jet Set nightclub early Tuesday morning, in the capital of Santo Domingo, when the roof collapsed around 1 a.m. during a performance of merengue artist Rubby Pérez and his orchestra, authorities said. Pérez's body was recovered from the scene on Wednesday morning, emergency services said.

At least 184 people, including two former Major League Baseball players, were killed, according to Juan Manuel Méndez, the director of the Emergency Operations Center, in an update on Wednesday.

The exact number of the injured has yet to be provided by officials, with Méndez saying earlier that 145 people who had been rescued on Tuesday were "alive."

It is also unclear how many people are unaccounted for, and on Wednesday, emergency responders said they would end rescue efforts after recovering another 20 bodies from the rubble. Many bodies have yet to be identified.

Aerial footage showed the venue with a wide, gaping hole in the middle of the building where the audience would have been located during the performance.

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH & WELLNESS

INVITATION TO BID

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF LABORATORY SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT 2025-2027

The Ministry of Health & Wellness hereby invites eligible and qualified bidders to submit sealed bids for ***Supply and Delivery of Laboratory Supplies & Equipment*** for the period **June 2025 to March 2027**.

All interested bidders are asked to contact the Secretary in the Office of the Chief Executive Officer at the address below for the ***complete set of bidding documents***. Bidders must meet the minimum requirements as indicated in the ***Instruction to Bidders***. A **fee of $200.00** made payable to the ***Government Treasury utilizing Fees for Bidding Documents - 18017/11617/130/24*** is required for the acquisition of the Tender Package. The **receipt must be presented** to the secretary at the point of collecting the Package.

The Tender Package must be collected from the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) Secretary at the address provided below during normal working hours ***commencing on Monday, May 5, 2025 and concluding on Monday, May 12, 2025***. All tender submissions must be returned to the address below no later than **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2025.** Late bids will be rejected. All bids shall be accompanied by a **Bid Securing Declaration** as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

A pre-tender meeting will be held on ***Friday, May 16, 2025*** at a time and place to be confirmed in writing to interested bidders.

Bidders must be prepared to submit relevant samples of goods offered **immediately** upon request.

The address referred to above is:

Chief Executive Officer
Ministry of Health and Wellness
2nd Floor, East Block Building
City of Belmopan
Belize, C.A. Tel: 501-880-2363
Email: ceosecretary@health.gov.bz

MINISTRY OF HEALTH & WELLNESS

INVITATION TO BID

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PHARAMACEUTICALS AND RELATED MEDICAL SUPPLIES 2025-2027

The Ministry of Health & Wellness hereby invites eligible and qualified bidders to submit sealed bids for ***Supply and Delivery of Pharmaceuticals and Related Medical Supplies*** for the period **June 2025 to March 2027**.

All interested bidders are asked to contact the Secretary in the Office of the Chief Executive Officer at the address below for the ***complete set of bidding documents***. Bidders must meet the minimum requirements as indicated in the ***Instruction to Bidders***. A **fee of $200.00** made payable to the ***Government Treasury utilizing Fees for Bidding Documents - 18017/11617/130/24*** is required for the acquisition of the Tender Package. The **receipt must be presented** to the secretary at the point of collecting the Package.

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Sports Corozal

Hon. Thea Ramirez Strong Support

What an amazing day of football in Corozal!

Congratulations to all the teams who left it all on the field!

In the female division:
1st Place – Corozal Elite
2nd Place – Strikers PC FC
In the male division:
1st Place – Calcutta Bulls FC
2nd Place – Sarteneja FC
3rd Place – San Andres FC
4th Place – Copper Bank FC

Proud to have supported this great event and to celebrate our local talent. Big love and respect to all the players, fans, and families who made it unforgettable!

– Hon. Thea Garcia Ramirez

Congratulations to the champions of the sea!

Today April 27, we proudly celebrate every young sailor who took to the waters at the Corozal Bay Regatta 2025. Your courage, commitment, and passion inspire us all.

A special thank you to the Corozal Sailing Club, the incredible parents, and all supporters who made this event a success.

Sports like sailing — and all athletic pursuits — are essential to building stronger, healthier, and more united communities. Let's continue to invest in every young athlete's journey, both on and off the water. – Hon. Thea Garcia Ramirez

Congratulations to winners Jayden Westby, Club PSC, Neymar Garbutt, Club PSC, and George Jackson Club PSC. Congratulations to all participants in the White Fleet, Green Fleet and the ILCA 4.7.

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Share your work and learn from industry professionals, operators, and academics from across the region and globally at this year's Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association 34th Annual Conference and Exhibition under the theme "Engineering Progress Together: Collective Action for a Connected Region".

This year's Technical Sessions' Thematic Areas include:

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3. Ensuring Clean Water and Sanitation through Effective Wastewater Treatment and Pollution Control
4. Promoting Sustainability through Effective Solid Waste Management
5. Fostering Inclusive Growth through Community Outreach and Public Awareness
6. General Topics

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission deadline: 16th May 2025

Notification of successful acceptance of Abstract: 9th June 2025

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PlanBelize 2.0: Commitment to Well-Being

Capacity Building For Integrated Care For Metabolic Chronic Diseases

On April 25, we proudly hosted the Seed Trainers Experience-Sharing Session under the Project for Strengthening Metabolic Chronic Disease Prevention and Control Systems in Belize at Biltmore Plaza.

Five dedicated professionals from the Ministry of Health & Wellness and the Belize Council for the Visually Impaired (BCVI) returned from a four-week training at Far Eastern Memorial Hospital in Taiwan, and they shared not only their technical learnings in chronic disease management, nutrition, physical activity promotion, and diabetic eye care—but also their personal experiences enjoying Taiwan's warm hospitality, vibrant culture, and amazing food!

Moving forward, these seed trainers will lead on-site capacity-building workshops to empower their colleagues across Belize. Some have already begun putting their training into action—medical officers are contributing to the national medical guideline review, while health educators are facilitating knowledge-sharing sessions within their communities. These early achievements not only reflect the program's immediate impact but also underscore the strength of the ongoing collaboration between Taiwan and Belize.

A special highlight of the event was the presentation of a non-mydriatic fundus camera, established through a collaboration between the project and the BCVI. Equipped with VeriSee Dr, a cutting-edge AI diagnostic tool developed by Acer Medical, this technology will significantly enhance diabetic retinopathy screening and early detection efforts in Belize.

As part of their training, the team even created an amazing and fun educational video to promote physical activity in our communities! If this post gets more than 50 likes, we'll share the video right here—stay tuned! (release)

MoHW - Update on Measles Outbreak

NATIONAL VACCINATION CAMPAIGN REMAINS IN FULL EFFECT

April 28, 2025 - The Ministry of Health and Wellness (MOHW) wishes to update the public on the ongoing response to the measles outbreak, which began with the diagnosis of two confirmed imported cases on April 12, 2025.

Following this initial detection, an additional five cases were identified within a group of close contacts. These cases, epidemiologically linked to the first two, were confirmed clinically between April 9 and 13. Moreover, 22 school contacts were identified, of which 12 were fully vaccinated, 5 were unvaccinated, and 4 had unknown vaccination status.

Close contacts of confirmed cases are being closely monitored to promptly detect and respond to any symptomatic individuals.

The MOHW continues to maintain heightened surveillance efforts across the country. So far, a total of 14 samples have been sent to Mexico for laboratory testing, and we are pleased to report that all results have come back negative.

Additionally, the national vaccination campaign remains in full effect. The MOHW extends its gratitude to everyone for their cooperation in the uptake of vaccines countrywide.

For further details or queries, please reach out to your nearest health center or call the toll-free number: 0-800-MOH-CARE (0-800-664-2273).

REQUEST FOR BID

MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE.

Tender: 24-Hour Security Services – Mountain Pine Ridge Reserve, "Pineridgito" Gate

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Forest Department under the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Solid Waste Management, invites suitable **Security Service Companies** to submit proposals for 24-Hour Security Services at Mountain Pine Ridge Reserve, "Pineridgito" Gate in the Cayo District. **The initial engagement shall be for a period of one (1) year.**

General Requirements of this Service include:

1. Provide 24-hour one (1) armed security services, with rotational 12-hour shifts.
2. Guards must be licensed to carry a firearm
3. Security guards will regulate and monitor all activity in the area during the day and night, document and log all vehicles, personnel, visitors, and guests entering and leaving the Mountain Pine Ridge Forest Reserve.
4. Security guards must be fully equipped with a firearm, uniformed, flashlight and spotlight, communication equipment, and personal safety gear.
5. The firm will also provide, as part of their offer, a cost estimate including double time and time and a half charge during holidays as per the labor laws of Belize.

For full Terms of Reference, which lists further **Requirements, Qualifications and Submission Procedures,** kindly request via email at procurement.asst@environment.gov.bz with a copy to procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz

Deadline for Submission: May 9th 2025, no later than 10:00 A.M.

MASFSE & MoEST

Pre-Visits Underway for National School Garden Competition

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, is currently conducting pre-visits to schools participating in the National School Garden Competition.

These pre-visits are aimed at assessing the progress and impact of each school's garden initiative as they prepare for final judging. The competition promotes hands-on agricultural education, environmental stewardship, and healthy eating habits among students.

Winners of the National School Garden Competition will be officially recognized and awarded during the upcoming National Agriculture and Trade Show (NATS) in Belmopan. This celebration highlights the efforts of students, teachers, and communities in advancing sustainable agriculture practices in schools across the country. (post)

The future suppliers from their farms to the table are being trained at the best age possible.

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

SECOND ROAD SAFETY PROJECT

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR PROJECT ENGINEER

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of a **Second Road Safety Project** that will support (a) the continued improvement of the safety of road users, (b) post-crash response and (c) capacity building for agencies involved in road safety management and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOB and upon approval by CDB and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOB shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Ministry of Finance, Investment, **Economic** Transformation, Civil Aviation & E-Governance (MOET), the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure consultancy services for a Project Engineer.

The objective of the consultancy is to supervise the procurement and installation of road furniture on the Thomas Vincent Highway (TV Ramos Highway) between the Dump and Cattle Landing. The duration of the assignment is eight (8) months.

The Consultant must have a minimum of the following qualifications: Bachelor's degree in civil engineering or other related field with a minimum of two (2) years of general experience and having at least one (1) project experience in the installation or supervision for the installation of road furniture. Having experience working with International Funding Institutions (IFIs) financing project would be an advantage.

The consultant must be a member of the Association of Professional Engineers of Belize.

MOET now invites interested **eligible individual consultants** to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) indicating qualification and experience required to provide this consultancy service.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

(a) the persons are citizens or bona fide residents of an eligible country; and

(b) in all cases, the consultant has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements, whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of the contract will accrue or be paid to a person not a citizen or bona fide resident of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB. The Member Countries of the CDB can be found at the following web address: http://www.caribank.org/about-cdb/member-countries. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of CDB's Guidelines for the Selection and Engagement of Consultants (2011), setting forth CDB's policy on conflict of interest.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to qualification and experience on similar assignments. All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the first address below between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 pm (local time) Monday to Friday.

The Expression of Interest must be received electronically at the first email address (Second Road Safety Project) and second email address (CDB) below no later than **3:00 p.m. (local time) on Friday, May 23rd. 2025.** The subject of the email shall be **"Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services for Project Engineer."**

Following the assessment of submissions, the most technically capable and appropriately experienced applicant will be invited to negotiate a contract to provide the consultancy services. GOB reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not short-listing any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

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Email: procurement@caribank.org

CEMO-BEL

Hurricane Preparedness in the Old Capital

The City Emergency Management Organization (CEMO) recently had the opportunity to participate in a Hurricane Preparedness Session, following an invitation from Belize Electricity Limited (BEL).

CEMO Liaison Officer, Ms. Dawson, shared expert insights on the organization's proven strategies for pre-storm planning, emergency response, and post-disaster recovery, reaffirming CEMO's role as a leader in disaster management and community resilience.

The session brought together key personnel from Belize Electricity Limited (BEL), all of whom play a critical role in maintaining operations and supporting the Belize District during natural disasters. It aimed to foster stronger internal coordination and preparedness within the organization, ensuring a swift and effective response when any disaster impacts our communities.

As we approach the hurricane season, CEMO remains steadfast in its mission to protect lives and property through proactive preparedness and strong inter-agency collaboration. (post)

The City being prepared is of optimal importance to the nation. The city is undeniably the hub for commercial activity

and must regain its footing quickly in the aftermath of a hurricane. After hurricane Lisa, we will remember the national support that poured into the city. Probably the most dramatic were the donation of food items and the cane farmers who helped clean the city with the crab machines. Lessons learned after each hurricane are crucial as we prepare for the next one. Prayers are of utmost importance.

FOOD SECURITY: Toledo Department of Agriculture

Launch of Poultry Distribution

Empowering Women and Strengthening Rural Nutrition

"4,617 chicks were delivered to 532 women in 21 villages"

In continued collaboration with UNICEF and the Ministry of Health and Wellness, the Toledo Department of Agriculture has successfully launched a major poultry distribution initiative across rural Toledo. Throughout the month of April, 4,617 chicks were delivered to 532 women in 21 villages, with the aim of improving household nutrition particularly by increasing access to protein and strengthening food security within the rural communities.

This initiative, set to conclude with a final delivery in mid-May, is more than just a distribution program. It empowers women through sustainable farming practices, enabling them to provide a reliable source of protein for their families and build greater resilience against food insecurity.

The Toledo Department of Agriculture extends heartfelt thanks to its partners at UNICEF and the Ministry of Health and Wellness, and to all the hardworking women who are making this project a resounding success. Together, we are building healthier, stronger communities for today and for future generations.

INVITATION TO BID

Institution: **MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE.**

Tender: **SUPPLY OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Department of the Environment within the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Solid Waste Management invites suitable companies to submit their bid proposal for the supply and delivery of equipment and accessories required for a laboratory.

The **Government of Belize** (GOB) acting through the **Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Solid Waste Management** is inviting tenders to bid for the supply of **Laboratory Equipment and Accessories.**

For FULL Bidding document which details equipment specifications and the process of bid submissions, kindly request via email at procurement.asst@environment.gov.bz with CC to procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz

Deadline: May 9th, 2025 at 10:00 AM

Belize Chair of CIRSA

Focus: New World Screwworm Eradication or Control

The 93rd extraordinary meeting of CIRSA, the Comité Internacional Regional de Sanidad Agropecuaria or International Regional Committee on Agricultural Health, is taking place today in El Salvador.

CIRSA is made up of ministers of agriculture of the Central American region and is the parent body of OIRSA, the International Regional Organization for Plant and Animal Health, which has a mandate to ensure pests and diseases are controlled and eradicated in all countries in the region. Minister of Agriculture Jose Abelardo Mai at present has the presidency of CIRSA, which is rotated among Central American ministers of agriculture.

High on the agenda for discussion at the CIRSA meeting is the control and eradication of the New World Screwworm. All Central American countries have cases of infestation, and during the meeting ministers have made reports on the state of their country's situation with regard to the screwworm. Minister Mai should be returning Sunday from El Salvador.

The focus right now of the Central American region is the New World Screwworm and its control and eradication. (release)

Operational Capabilities at Hunting Caye FOB

Belmopan. April 28, 2025

Hon. Oscar Mira, Minister of National Defence and Border Security, continued his countrywide tour of military installations with a visit to the Belize Coast Guard's southernmost Forward Operating Base (FOB) at Hunting Caye on Saturday, April 26.

Strategically located within the Sapodilla Cayes Marine Reserve at the southernmost tip of the Belize Barrier Reef, the Hunting Caye Forward Operating Base plays a critical role in enforcing national maritime laws, ensuring the safety of life at sea, conducting vessel inspections, and protecting Belize's marine resources in the south.

During the visit, Minister Mira received a capability briefing from the Sector Commander and observed an interoperability demonstration between the Coast Guard Drone Squadron and the 1st Fleet, showcasing coordination in maritime security and search and rescue operations.

To support personnel stationed at the remote base, Minister Mira officially handed over a new water purification system to enhance self-sufficiency and improve living conditions for operational crews.

He was accompanied by the Commandant of the Belize Coast Guard, Rear Admiral Elton Bennett.(release)

IDB

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (SDP) COORDINATOR (2 Positions)
AND
INVESTMENT PROMOTION ASSOCIATE

Institution:	Central Executing Unit, Ministry of Finance
Country:	Belize
Project:	Trade and Investment Facilitation Program for Belize (TIFP)
Duration:	Two (2) years
Duty Station:	Beltraide, Belmopan (In Office)
Deadline:	**May 19, 2025**; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project – Trade and Investment Facilitation Program for Belize (TIFP). The Trade and Investment Facilitation Program is a response to the low investment flows and limited international trade competitiveness faced by Belize. The general objective of the program is to promote Belize´s foreign direct investment and trade performance.

The Ministry of Finance invites eligible individuals to apply for the following contractual positions at Beltraide.

- Supplier Development Program (SDP) Coordinator (2 Positions)
- Investment Promotion Associate

Further details, including the required application template and full Terms of Reference, can be obtained online at https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/ or by scanning the QR Code below. Interested individuals must provide information demonstrating that they have met the required qualifications and possess relevant experience to perform the services.

The selection for this contractual position will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15 and the Government of Belize policies and best practices and is open to all eligible candidates as defined in the policies. The Consultants will be selected based on qualifications including a positive professional reference check.

Qualified individuals should submit one (1) pdf file in English, using the required template, via e-mail to tjoseph@ceu.mof.gov.bz or three (3) hardcopies of their application to the address below clearly indicating **"Supplier Development Program (SDP) Coordinator"** or **"Investment Promotion Associate"** - name of consultant.

The deadline for submission is no later than **May 19, 2025, by 10:00 a.m**. **(Local Belize Time).** No late submissions will be accepted.

Trudy Joseph
Procurement Specialist
Central Executing Unit
Ministry of Finance
2nd Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building
Belmopan, Belize
Email: tjoseph@ceu.mof.gov.bz

Ref: **Supplier Development Program (SDP) Coordinator (BL-L1040) -** Your name

Ref: **Investment Promotion Associate (BL-L1040) -** Your name

Editor's Choice

An old, leisurely way to watch television drama is back in vogue

On binge-watching v stinge-watching

Source: The Economist.com April 17, 2025

Who wound up being murdered in the denouement of "The White Lotus"—and which of the show's pampered sociopaths was the killer? In "Severance", meanwhile, did Mark, the hero, decide to ditch his workplace lover for his life and wife in the world outside—and what on earth was up with those goats? While we're at it, who shot J.R.?

These questions have something in common: viewers had to wait for the answers. In the supreme cliffhanger of television history, in 1980 fans of "Dallas" endured or enjoyed eight months of speculation before the shooter's identity was revealed. Visiting Britain during that febrile hiatus (extended by a writers' strike), Larry Hagman, who played J.R., is said to have been quizzed about the mystery by the Queen Mother. For devotees of "Severance" and "The White Lotus" (pictured), the wait for the season finale was only a week. But for some people today, that seems like an age.

Once upon a time, it looked as if streaming had reconfigured TV drama for good. In 2013 Netflix released the first season of "House of Cards" in a single batch, an approach that appeared set to become the new default. In an era of one-click instantaneity, it fitted the expectations of audiences, the younger kind especially. Universal for decades, scheduled weekly releases began to seem as moribund as screens you couldn't swipe. Yet today many streaming services have revived this antique rhythm for prestige dramas. Some viewers are irked. Are they right to be?

The staggered release, a form that dates back through network TV to the serialised novels of Dickens and Dostoyevsky, supplies resilient pleasures. The gaps between episodes can foster tension and discussion, if more often on Reddit threads than at water coolers. You are less likely to encounter spoilers before you reach the end. If "Dallas" came out on Netflix today, you might learn the culprit's name osmotically before you knew J.R. gets shot (or had heard of him at all).

At its best, a great show's weekly structure melds with the structure of your life. Time imbues the characters with an extra, humanoid dimension. Whether they are sympathetic (like Mark in "Severance") or villainous (like J.R.), they keep you company on your commute or at the gym. Rather than drifting through a series passively—because you didn't switch off during an episode's closing credits—it becomes an intentional fixture in your diary.

Then again, there's a lot to be said for "binge-watching" too. That phrase makes gobbling up a show sound incontinent, which seems oddly pejorative if you compare TV viewing with the consumption of other art forms. No one thinks less of a moreish book or a reader who devours it, or insists on lengthy pauses between movements of a symphony. Nor is binge-watching only a recent habit. Still in circulation, the term "box set" is a relic of the antediluvian epoch of DVDs, through which many enthusiasts immersed themselves for lost weekends in "The Sopranos" or "The Wire".

"Stinge-watching"—or spacing out a show's episodes—lets each be crafted and savoured discretely. But releasing a season's-worth together opens up other creative possibilities. Less time is needed for recaps and expository dialogue. Story arcs twist and stretch more freely. You cohabit with the characters in a brief but passionate fling.

For streaming services, the choice between a weekly schedule, binge-dropping whole seasons, or (as some do) mixing the two models, is really a business decision. Amid fierce competition for eyeballs and revenue, eking out flagship shows helps streamers keep customers who might otherwise unsubscribe. Smash-hit binge releases like "Adolescence" make a big splash—but retaining viewers afterwards requires a deep reservoir of other offerings. Netflix has that; some of its rivals don't.

That is the commercial dilemma. From a modern audience's perspective, the question of binge versus staggered releases is ultimately about hierarchy and power. Who is in charge here, you or the show? To put it another way, is a TV drama a commodity like rice or soap, or does it, as art, somehow deserve a more exalted, less submissive status?

When J.R. was shot in 1980, that tussle didn't arise. Punters got what they were given, and when. Now, with an ocean of content available on demand, the old weekly model makes an implicit but bold claim: that the story is good enough to fit your life around, rather than vice versa. When it isn't worth the wait, it feels like a scam.

IDB

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

PUBLIC DEBT EXPERT

Institution:	Ministry of Finance
Country:	Belize
Project:	Strengthening Public Expenditure Management in Belize (SPEM)
Process ID:	BL-L1038 – P00009
Duration:	Six (6) Months
Duty Station:	Remote
Deadline:	**May 27, 2025**; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project – The Strengthening Public Expenditure Management Program – SPEM (5353/OC-BL-L1038). The general objective is to promote the fiscal sustainability of Belize. The specific objective is to increase the efficiency of public resources by strengthening public financial management. The general objective of the program is to promote Belize´s foreign direct investment and trade performance.

The program is comprised of a single component with four subcomponents. The consultancy is aligned to subcomponent one (1), Financial Management which aims to improve the efficiency of key expenditure functions

The Ministry of Finance invites eligible individuals to apply for the consultancy position of **"Public Debt Expert"**.

Further details, including the required application template and full Terms of Reference, can be obtained online at https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/ or by scanning the QR Code below. Interested individuals must provide information demonstrating that they have met the required qualifications and possess relevant experience to perform the Services.

The selection for this contractual position will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15 and the Government of Belize policies and best practices and is open to all eligible candidates as defined in the policies. The Consultants will be selected based on qualifications including a positive professional reference check.

Qualified individuals should submit one (1) pdf file in English, using the required template, via e-mail to tjoseph.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz or three (3) hardcopies of their application to the address below clearly indicating "**Public Debt Expert (BL-L1038)"-** name of consultant.

The deadline for submission is no later than **May 27, 2025, by 10:00 a.m**. **(Local Belize Time).** No late submissions will be accepted.

Trudy Joseph
Procurement Specialist
Central Executing Unit
Ministry of Finance
2nd Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building
Belmopan, Belize
Email: tjoseph@ceu.mof.gov.bz

Ref: **Public Debt Expert (BL-L1038)** - Your name

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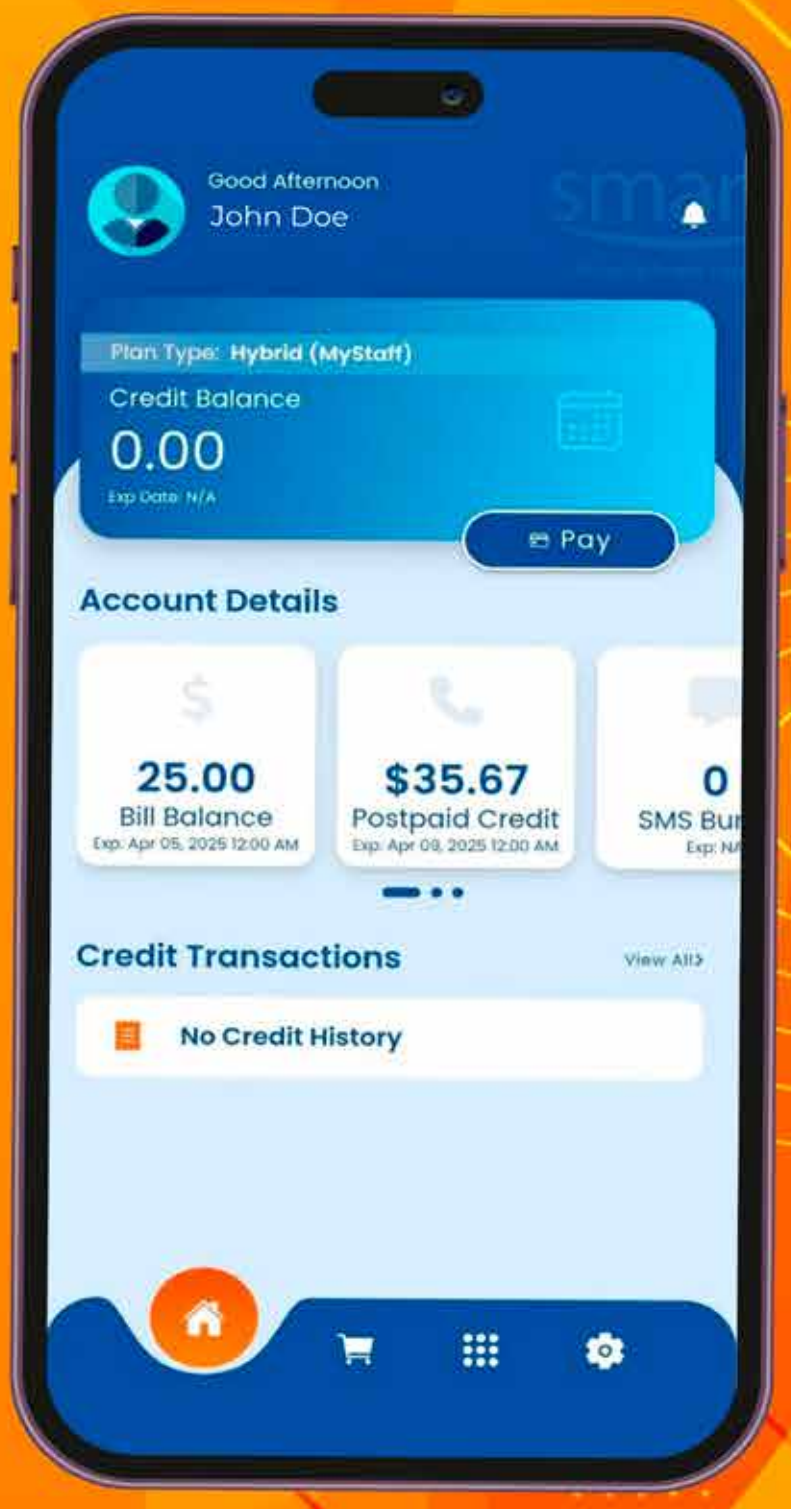

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BELIZE, A.D. 2024

CLAIM NO. 639 OF 2024

	(MARIA ASSAD (as Administratrix (of the Estate of ADNAN ASSAD	CLAIMANT/APPLICANT
BETWEEN	(AND	
	(MOHAMAD HAMZE	DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT

ORDER:

Before the Honourable Justice Goonetilleke.

On the 10th day of February, 2025.

MOHAMAD HAMZE, of 3 Miles Philip Goldson Highway, Belize City, Belize.

UPON HEARING Mr. Richard Bradley, Counsel on behalf of the Claimant/Applicant.

UPON READING the Affidavits of Maria Assad.

THIS ORDER:-

1. This is an Interim Injunction made against **MOHAMAD HAMZE** "the Respondent" on the 10th day of February 2025, by the Honorable Justice Goonetilleke on the application of **MARIA ASSAD (as Administratrix of the Estate of ADNAN ASSAD)** "the Applicant". The judge has read the Affidavit listed in Schedule A and accepted the undertaking set out in Schedule B at the end of this order.
2. This order was made at a hearing without notice to the Respondent. The Respondent has a right to apply to the court to vary or discharge the order.
3. There will be a further hearing in respect of this order on the 3rd day of March, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. ("the Return Date").
4. Until the return date or further order of this court, the Respondent is restrained and an injunction is hereby granted restraining him, whether by himself, his heirs, successors, assigns, servants and/or agents or howsoever otherwise from trespassing on, and from registering transfers or otherwise dealing with, the estate properties, namely:-
    a. ALL THAT Freehold Lot, piece and parcel of land comprising of 28.391 acres situated in the Frank Eddy Agricultural Layout, Cayo District as shown on Minister's Fiat Grant No 313 of 1993 and more particularly delineated and described on Plan No. 1894 lodged at Offices of the Commissioner of Lands and Surveys, City of Belmopan, Cayo District, Belize TOGETHER with all buildings and erections being thereon.
    b. ALL THAT Freehold Lot, piece and parcel of land being Lot No. 156 situated along 8 Miles on the George Price Highway, Belize District, Belize containing 1.3 acres of land bounded and described as shown by Plan No. 39 of 1997 or Entry No. 2042 dated 28th January, 1997.
    c. ALL THAT Freehold Lot, piece of parcel of land being Lot No. 157 situated along 8 Miles on the George Price Highway, Belize District, Belize containing 1.22 acres of land bounded and described as shown by Plan No. 39 of 1997 on Entry No. 2042 dated 28th January, 1997.
5. The claimant/Applicant may dispense with service of this Application.
6. The Costs of this Application are reserved to the Judge hearing the application on the return date.
7. Any person served with or notified of this order may apply to the court to vary or discharge this order, or so much of it as affects that person, but the person shall first inform the Applicant's legal practitioner. In any evidence is to relied upon in support of the application, the substance of it shall be communicated in writing to the applicant's legal practitioner in advance.
8. A respondent who is an individual who is ordered not to do something shall not do it themselves or in any way. They shall not do it through others acting on their behalf or on their instructions or with their encouragement.

All communications to the court about this order shall be sent to Treasury Lane, Belize City, Belize, in respect to claim No. 639 of 2024.

The Court office is situated at Treasury Lane, Belize City, Belize. The offices are open between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding bank and public holidays. The telephone number is 227-4033.

DATED the 13th day of February, 2025

BY THE COURT

ASST. REGISTRAR

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BELIZE, A.D. 2024

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MOHAMAD HAMZE, of 3 Miles Philip Goldson Highway, Belize City, Belize.

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UPON READING the Affidavits of Maria Assad.

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3. There will be a further hearing in respect of this order on the 27th day of March, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. ("the Return Date").
4. Until the return date or further order of this court, the Respondent is restrained and an injunction is hereby granted restraining him, whether by himself, his heirs, successors, assigns, servants and/or agents or howsoever otherwise from trespassing on, and from registering transfers or otherwise dealing with, the estate properties, namely:-
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DATED the 9th day of April, 2025

BY THE COURT

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2. This order was made at a hearing without notice to the Respondent. The Respondent has a right to apply to the court to vary or discharge the order.
3. There will be a further hearing in respect of this order on the 11th day of April, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. ("the Return Date").
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2. This order was made at a hearing without notice to the Respondent. The Respondent has a right to apply to the court to vary or discharge the order.
3. There will be a further hearing in respect of this order on the 7th day of May, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. ("the Return Date").
4. Until the return date or further order of this court, the Respondent is restrained and an injunction is hereby granted restraining him, whether by himself, his heirs, successors, assigns, servants and/or agents or howsoever otherwise from trespassing on, and from registering transfers or otherwise dealing with, the estate properties, namely:-
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DATED the 23rd day of April, 2025

BY THE COURT

ASST. REGISTRAR

ELECTIONS AND BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

Old Land's Building
Market Square
City of Belmopan
30th April 2025

DISSOLUTION OF VILLAGE COUNCILS

WHEREAS, Section 10 (1) of the Village Councils Act Chapter 88 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, provides that the Elections and Boundaries Commission shall, at least seven days before any general election of members of the council becomes due under the provisions of this Act or any regulations made there under, dissolve that council, by Order published in the Gazette and on the radio;

AND WHEREAS, the general election of members of those Village Councils set out in the Schedule hereto becomes due on the **25th May** and **1st June 2025.**

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the aforesaid Section 10 of the Village Councils Act, the Elections and Boundaries Commission hereby dissolves the Village Councils set out in the Schedules hereto **effective 17th May** and **24th May 2025** respectively.

As from the said 17th May and 24th May 2025 respectively, the following provisions shall apply in accordance with Section 11 of the said Act: -

(a) subject to the following paragraphs of this section, the members of the council shall from the date of the dissolution vacate their offices;

(b) all the powers, duties and liabilities of the council shall, until the constitution of a new council, be exercised, performed and discharged by the persons who held the posts of chairperson, secretary and treasurer of the council immediately before the dissolution; and

(c) all property belonging to or vested in or in the occupation of the council shall, during the period aforesaid, vest in and be in the occupation, control and management of the persons indicated in paragraph (b) of this section.

DATED this 30th day of April 2025

SIGNED:
(OSCAR SABIDO PUGA)
CHAIRMAN
ELECTIONS AND BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

SCHEDULE

VILLAGE COUNCILS DISSOLVED WITH EFFECT FROM MAY 17, 2025

COROZAL DISTRICT
1. Concepcion
2. San Joaquin
3. Ranchito
4. Calcutta
5. Carolina
6. Caledonia
7. Libertad
8. San Roman
9. Louisville

CAYO DISTRICT
1. Valley of Peace
2. Unitedville
3. Blackman Eddy
4. Arenal

TOLEDO DISTRICT
1. Boom Creek
2. Barranco
3. Conejo Creek
4. Crique Sarco
5. Midway
6. Sunday Wood

BELIZE DISTRICT
1. Double Head Cabbage
2. Isabella Bank
3. Lemonal
4. Boston
5. Maypen
6. Sandhill

STANN CREEK DISTRICT
1. Sittee River
2. Hopkins
3. Silk Grass
4. Pomona
5. Sarawee
6. Hope Creek
7. Mullins River
8. Alta Vista
9. Hummingbird Community
10. Middlesex
11. Steadfast
12. Valley Community

VILLAGE COUNCILS DISSOLVED WITH EFFECT FROM MAY 24, 2025

COROZAL DISTRICT
1. Santa Clara
2. Paraiso
3. Consejo
4. San Andres
5. San Antonio

BELIZE DISTRICT
1. La Democracia
2. Gracie Rock
3. Biscayne
4. Gardenia
5. Crooked Tree

TOLEDO DISTRICT
1. Corazon Creek
2. Dolores
3. Otoxha
4. San Lucas
5. Monkey River
6. Punta Negra

ORANGE WALK DISTRICT
1. Double Head Cabbage
2. Isabella Bank
3. Lemonal
4. Boston
5. Maypen
6. Sandhill

STANN CREEK DISTRICT
1. San Juan / Cowpen
2. Maya Mopan
3. Red Bank
4. San Roman
5. Placencia
6. Independence
7. Santa Cruz
8. Santa Rosa
9. Seine Bight
10. Maya Center
11. Georgetown

CAYO DISTRICT
1. Armenia
2. St. Margaret
3. Duck Run I
4. Duck Run II
5. Billy White
6. Santa Teresita
7. Calla Creek

Belmopan City Council

Plant Mahogany Tree w/ PACT for a cleaner, greener future

PACT in collaboration with Belmopan City Council, held a significant tree planting initiative in Belmopan. Councilor Lawrence Tush alongside PACT planted Mahogany trees, which were not only for beautification of our community but also promoting sustainability, encouraging eco-friendly practices, taking tangible steps in the fight against climate change and nurturing a healthier environment for future generations. Every tree planted represents growth, resilience and a promise for a greener tomorrow.

Let's continue to build a sustainable Belmopan together! (post)

Strengthening Global Partnerships In Playa Del Carmen Mexico

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His Worship Mayor Pablo Cawich, Deputy Mayor Coretta Banner, Councilors Radin Santos, Christopher Enriquez and a small delegation, recently concluded an official visit to Playa del Carmen, Mexico, at the gracious invitation of Municipal President Angy Estefanía Mercado Asencio.

This visit focused on the potential for a formal sister-city partnership, paving the way for a deeper municipal cooperation. Key areas of focus included urban planning and management, technology-driven traffic control, and the development of artisanal markets, among others.

This exchange sets the foundation for innovative strategies that can be adapted to elevate Belmopan's development and improve quality of life for its residents.(post)

WORLD BANK GROUP

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

CIVIL ENGINEER

Institution:	Ministry of Finance
Country:	Belize
Project:	Belize Blue Cities and Beyond
Duration:	Two (2) years
Duty Station:	Ministry of Finance, Belmopan (In Office)
Deadline:	May 22, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the World Bank for the implementation of the project- Belize Blue Cities and Beyond.

The general objective of this position is to provide technical expertise in planning, designing, and supervising civil infrastructure works associated with the Blue Cities Project in accordance with the provisions of the project, the World Bank's rules and procedures, and GOB standard public rules and regulations.

The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible individuals to apply for the position of Civil Engineer.

Further details, including the required application template and full terms of reference, can be obtained online at https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/ or by scanning the QR code below.

The selection for these contractual positions will be in accordance with the Individual Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing Borrowers July 2016, revised date: February 2025 and as well as the Government of Belize procurement policies and best practices and is open to all eligible candidates as defined in the policies. The Consultants will be selected based on qualifications including a positive professional reference check.

Qualified Individuals should submit one (1) pdf file in English via e-mail to tjohnston@ceu.mof.gov.bz or three (3) hardcopies of their application to the address below clearly indicating the position being applied for "**Civil Engineer"-** name of individual.

The Deadline for submission is no later than May 22, 2025, by 10:00 a.m. Local Belize Time. No late submissions will be accepted.

Therese Johnston
Procurement Specialist Assistant
Central Executing Unit
Ministry of Finance
2nd Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building
tjohnston@ceu.mof.gov.bz

Ref: **Civil Engineer- Your name**

Ministry of Constitution and Religious Affairs, Indigenous Affairs, and Transportation Strengthens Partnership with UNDP

Belmopan, April 29, 2025.

The Hon. Dr. Louis Zabaneh, Minister of Constitution and Religious Affairs, Indigenous Affairs, and Transportation, met with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) team to advance strategic collaboration to strengthen Belize's transportation governance and modernization efforts.

The UNDP delegation, led by Mr. Michael Lund, Deputy Resident Representative, along with Mr. Ryan Zuniga, Nature, Climate, and Energy Programme Lead, and Ms. Amilin Mendez, Inclusive Growth and Digitization Programme Analyst, shared updates on the E-Mobility Pilot Project, a bold step toward a cleaner, greener Belize powered by innovation and sustainable energy.

The discussions also explored other areas of mutual interest, reinforcing the partnership between the Ministry and UNDP in driving sustainable development and inclusive progress across Belize.

Supporting the Minister at the meeting were Mr. Leon Gentle, Chief Transport Officer, Mr. Peter Williams, Deputy Chief Transport Officer, and Ms. Anna Loague, Director of Policy, Planning, and Research. This high-level participation highlights the Ministry's strong leadership and commitment to innovation and transformational change.

The Ministry remains committed to working in close partnership with UNDP to deliver a future for Belize that is sustainable, resilient, and inclusive, where innovation drives national progress and transformational change benefits every Belizean. This partnership sets the course for a cleaner, smarter, and more connected Belize, fully aligned with national development priorities and the global Sustainable Development Goals.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
Supply and Delivery of Two (2) Automatic Pickup Trucks

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Belize Reliant and Resilient Energy System (BRRES)
Process ID: BZ-CEU-458616-GO-RFB
Deadline: **May 14, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank (WB) for the implementation of the Project – Belize Reliable and Resilient Energy System (BRRES) in Belize. The Central Executing Unit to the Ministry of Finance, an executing agency of the Borrower, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this grant for the **Supply and Delivery Two (2) Automatic Pickup Trucks.**

The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible bidders to submit sealed quotation for the Supply, and Delivery for the following:

No.	Item	Brief Description	Quantity
1	Automatic Pickup trucks	4 x 4 Crew Cab	2

Interested suppliers may obtain the complete Bidding Document and further information from https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/ or by scanning the QR code below.

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Highlighting the Jewel

7 Countries Where You Can Afford to Retire on the Beach

By Patricia Doherty via travelandleisure.com

Retiring to a quiet place by the beach is a dream for many Americans and others around the world. Perhaps the last two years of pandemic-related upheaval have intensified the dream of getting away from the daily grind to resettle in an ideal place. And for many, life by the beach is that ideal.

In most of the U.S., property by the seashore comes at a premium, and home prices are out of reach for many retirees. However, quite a few countries around the world offer pristine beaches, low cost of living, and attractive lifestyles, making them affordable destinations for those whose hearts are set on beachfront living.

These are some of the countries that make it possible to find that place by the sea and live comfortably for a fraction of what it would cost in the U.S. Most have expat communities, reasonably priced healthcare, affordable homes, and residency options.

Belize

While it's not the lowest cost option for retiring on the beach, Belize offers many advantages. First, there are miles of gorgeous coastline, and for a change of scenery, there's a dense rainforest on the mainland. The overall cost of living is about 28% lower than in the United States, and rent is 73% lower. Residents speak English, and both Belize currency and the U.S. dollar are accepted. The Qualified Retired Person Residency Program, an easy way to establish residency, requires income of at least $24,000 annually along with a background and medical check. Picture: Taylor McIntyre / Travel + Leisure

Ecuador

Five hundred miles of shoreline American country. Another big plus is that they use the United States dollar for their currency. Good quality healthcare, quaint fishing villages, and moderate weather are good starting points for retirement in this South is available at reasonable prices, and public transportation in many cities makes a car unnecessary. In the city of Cuenca, for example, the cost of living is 66% less expensive, and rents are about 88% lower, when compared with New York City.

Nicaragua

Located in Central America, Nicaragua is nicknamed "The Land of Lakes and Volcanoes." The country faces the shores of both the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean, so there's plenty of beachfront to go around, in addition to rivers, lakes, and rainforests. The cost of living is low, and there are residency options for retirees requiring a monthly income of at least $600. In most places, U.S. dollars are accepted, and the Nicaraguan government offers tax incentives and encourages investment in the country. For example, out-of-country earnings are not taxable.

Thailand

Retirees have their pick of beachfront locations in Thailand, including a number of tropical islands. The cost of living is low, the people are friendly, and the food is delicious — making this country a great retirement destination. The overall cost of living is around 38% lower than in the United States, and rent is about 64% lower. Retirement visas are available for those at least 50 years old with a valid passport, background check, at least $24,500 in a Thai bank account, and monthly income of about $2,000.

Vietnam

With 2,000 miles of coastline, finding a place to live near the beach should be relatively easy. Retirees will most likely rent since foreigners are restricted from owning land, with the exception of certain condo developments in large cities. For comparison, rent is about 69% lower than in the United States, and the cost of living is low — about 47% lower than in the U.S. Most retirees opt for the private health care system where costs are low and quality is high. Food is delicious and prices are low.

Colombia

This South American country offers coastline on both the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea, so retirees seeking beach living have many options, and the Andes Mountains and Amazon rainforest are nearby for a change of scenery. The cost of living is about 61% lower than in the United States, and rents are a bargain at an average of 80% lower than in the U.S. Medical and dental care are high quality and affordable, with both public and private institutions available. Several visa categories are available, and the most common Migrant Pensionado Visa requires a minimum monthly income of about $717.

Mexico

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REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)

Supply and Delivery of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Equipment

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Belize Reliant and Resilient Energy System (BRRES)
Process ID: BZ-MFEDI-CEU-489204-GO-RFQ
Deadline: **May 19, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank (WB) for the implementation of the Project – Belize Reliable and Resilient Energy System (BRRES) in Belize. The Central Executing Unit to the Ministry of Finance, an executing agency of the Borrower, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this grant for the **Supply and Delivery of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Equipment.**

The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible bidders to submit sealed quotation for the Supply, and Delivery for the following:

No.	Item	Brief Description
1	Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Equipment	List of items in bidding documents with full details.

Interested suppliers may obtain the complete Bidding Document and further information from https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/ or by scanning the QR code below.

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MAFSE

Upgrading Beekeeping & Honey Production Capacity

Through the AMEXID project "Diagnosis of The Beekeeping Subsector And Building Capacities For New and Existing Beekeepers In Belize", Extension Officers Mr. Jesse Madrid and Mr. Miguel Huertas participated in a workshop and seminars between April 21-25 at Campeche, Mexico.

This initiative was part of the second phase of the International Cooperation Project aimed at strengthening the apiculture sector in Belize. The activity was coordinated with the Dirección General de Producción Ganadera of Mexico's Secretaría de Agricultura and supported by AMEXCID. The primary goal of the mission was to exchange technical knowledge and experiences with successful Mexican beekeepers. Over the week, both officers were engaged in site visits to certified queen bee breeding centers and apiaries recognized for their adherence to Good Beekeeping Practices (Buenas Prácticas Pecuarias de Producción de Miel - BPPPM). These visits included hands-on experiences in bee management, honey harvesting, packaging, and commercialization processes. Notable locations visited were the certified queen bee breeding facility of Donato Villarreal in Hopelchén, the apiaries in Tinún, and the certified nucleus bee breeder operated by Hilda Acosta Cruz in Sabancuy.

Additionally, the team visited the certified honey processing facilities "Miel y Cera de Campeche" and "Apicultores de Champotón SPR de RI," gaining insights into hygienic processing, traceability, and export readiness. The culmination of the mission was the forum titled "Estrategias de fomento para el desarrollo del sector apícola en México y Belice", held on April 24 in Champotón. During this forum, Jesse Madrid delivered a presentation on the topic "Situación actual para el desarrollo del sector apícola en Belice", or Actual Situation of the Development of the Honey Sector in Belize, highlighting challenges and opportunities within the Belizean context. Miguel Huertas followed with a presentation on "Acciones para el desarrollo del sector apícola en Belice", or Actions Detailing Strategic Actions to Enhance Production and Quality Standards. The forum featured key government officials from Campeche and Mexico's agricultural sector and provided a platform for cross-country dialogue on promoting sustainable apiculture.

The mission reinforced Belize's commitment to improving honey production by adopting best practices, enhancing genetic quality through queen rearing, and ensuring product traceability. The participation of Mr. Madrid and Mr. Huertas also strengthened bilateral cooperation in agricultural development and established pathways for continued technical collaboration between Belize and Mexico.

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With borders on the Gulf of Mexico in the east and the Pacific Ocean in the west, Mexico offers around 6,000 miles of coastline. Baja California, Acapulco, Cancun, Puerto Vallarta, Rosarita, and La Paz are a few well-known beach areas, and quiet fishing villages might attract retirees with lower costs and casual atmospheres. Mexico's low cost of living, climate, and affordable healthcare are attractions, with rents about 70% lower than in the United States. Becoming a resident is relatively easy. For temporary residence, monthly income of about $2,100 is required, and for permanent residence, the minimum income is $2,700. Bank account requirements are about $36,000 and $149,000 respectively.

WORLD BANK GROUP

REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)

Supply and Delivery of Engineering Equipment and Office Furniture

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Belize Reliant and Resilient Energy System (BRRES)
Process ID: BZ-MFEDI-CEU-489204-GO-RFQ
Deadline: **May 20, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**

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The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible bidders to submit sealed quotation for the Supply, and Delivery for the following:

Lot No.	Item	Brief Description
1	Engineering Equipment	See detail listing in bidding documents.
2	Office Furniture	See detail listing in bidding documents.

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Belize's Media Professionals Strengthen Their Capacity on Suicide Reporting

The Pan American Health Organization, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Wellness (MoHW) and the Centre for Mental Health Law and Policy of the Indian Law Society, hosted a two-day training workshop for media professionals on suicide reporting.

"Suicide remains a significant public health concern globally, with more than 720,000 people dying by suicide every year," shared Dr. Karen Roberts, PAHO/WHO Technical Advisor for Non-Communicable Diseases and Mental Health in Belize. "The factors that contribute to suicide and its prevention are complex and not fully understood. However, there is overwhelming and ever- increasing evidence that the media can play a significant role in either enhancing suicide prevention efforts or weakening them."

The workshop focused on the responsible reporting of suicide cases and aimed to equip media professionals, including reporters, journalists, editors, influencers, and public relations and communication officers, among others, with the tools necessary to address mental health issues sensitively while adhering to established guidelines for suicide prevention and reporting.

Suicide remains a taboo topic and a public health issue in Belize. Responsible media coverage plays a key role in both mitigating and preventing suicide. The impact of how suicide is reported can either promote awareness that may prevent other suicides from occurring or increase the risk of imitative behaviors among vulnerable persons.

"The media holds extraordinary power–the power to shape narratives, challenge stereotypes, spark hope, and create change," said Dr. Melissa Diaz-Musa, Director of Public Health and Wellness of the MoHW. "We are not asking to avoid difficult stories. We are asking to tell these stories responsibly–in a way that honors the dignity of every person affected, and for the media to see themselves as partners in mental health advocacy."

The workshop centered on key objectives, including:

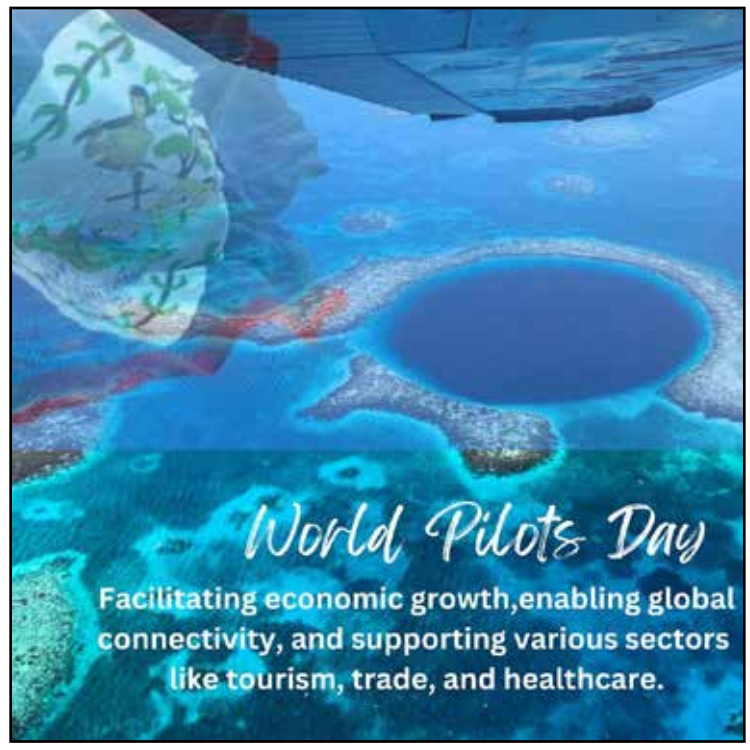
- Increasing awareness about the importance of mental health and addressing mental health stigma and suicide prevention.
- Building the capacity of media professionals to report responsibly on suicide, emphasizing privacy, sensitivity, and avoiding harmful details.
- Enhancing the capacity of media professionals to manage their mental health when reporting on traumatic situations.
- Collaborating to develop a monitoring and evaluation framework to assess media reports on suicides and suicide attempts.

In addition to the workshop, consultations will take place with senior media professionals, public health officials, and representatives from government and non-governmental organizations to gather information and feedback on the development of a monitoring and evaluation framework for suicide reporting.

By incorporating interactive presentations, case studies, and group discussions, the workshop engaged 16 participants in hands-on training that promotes a greater understanding of suicide, stigma, and mental health.

PAHO/WHO Belize, along with the MoHW and partners, remain committed to ensuring that suicide prevention remains a top priority. As part of this ongoing effort, an in-country mission will also be held in the upcoming week to review and update the Police Training Manual, specifically focusing on improving protocols for handling situations with individuals with mental health challenges and suicide- related cases.

The Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) works with the countries of the Americas to improve the health and quality of life of their populations. Founded in 1902, it is the world's oldest international public health agency. It serves as the Regional Office of WHO for the Americas and is the specialized health agency of the Inter-American system.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REQUEST FOR BIDS

Belize
Water Supply & Modernization Program
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Supply and Installation of Water Disinfection Equipment for BWS Network
BL-L1043-P00001

1. The *Belize Water Services Limited has received financing* from the Inter-American Development Bank toward the cost of *Water Supply & Modernization Program* and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to payments under the Contract for *Supply and Installation of Water Disinfection Equipment for BWS Network.*
2. *Belize Water Services Limited* now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for *Purchase and Installation of Water Disinfection Equipment.*
3. The Request for Bids will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the Inter-American Development Bank's Policies for the Procurement of Works and Goods financed by the Inter-American Development Bank, and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Policies.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from *Belize Water Services Limited, Ms. Stephanie Lozano, Procurement Specialist, rce@bwsl.com.bz;* and inspect the bidding document at the address given below from *8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Belize local time.*
5. Qualifications requirements include *Goods must meet technical specifications, financials, power of attorney and other requirements.* A margin of preference for certain goods manufactured domestically *"shall not",* be applied. Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.
6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in *English* may be requested by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address below.
7. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before *2:00 p.m. Belize local time on May 23rd, 2025.* Electronic bidding *will not* be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person or on-line at the address below at *2:15 p.m. Belize local time on May 23rd, 2025*. All bids must be accompanied by a *"Bid Security"* of *10% of bid price per lot* or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.
8. The address(es) referred to above is(are):

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